



*Town of Sharon*  
2000

## IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

	<u>Emergencies</u>	<u>Regular Business</u>
AMBULANCE	784-2121	784-1522
POLICE DEPT.	784-3535	784-1587
FIRE DEPT.	784-2121	784-1522
CIVIL DEFENSE	784-5631	784-6993
HIGHWAY, WATER		
Weekdays	784-1525	
Nights, Weekends,		
Holidays	784-1587	

### FOR INFORMATION ON:

Aging, Programs For	Community Center	784-8000
Assessments	Assessors	784-1507
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk	784-1505
Building Permits	Building Inspector	784-1529
Conservation	Conservation Commission	784-1511
Death Certificates	Town Clerk	784-1505
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	784-1505
Elections	Town Clerk	784-1505
Engineering	Engineer	784-1525
Game Warden	Mass. Fish & Game	617-727-3151
Refuse Collection	DPW	784-1525
Housing, Elderly	Hixson Farm Complex	784-2733
Marriage Certificates	Town Clerk	784-1505
Medicaid	State Welfare	1 800 249-2007
Mortgages, Chattel	Town Clerk	784-1505
Mosquito Control	Norfolk County Control	762-3681
Recreation	Community Center	784-1530
Schools	Superintendent's Office	784-1570
Self-Help	Brockton Office	508-588-5440
Snow Removal	DPW	784-1525
Streets	DPW	784-1525
Tax Assessments	Assessors	784-1507
Taxes, Collection	Tax Collector	784-1500
Tobacco Control	NMS Tobacco Control	508-261-7316
Trees	DPW	784-1525
Voting & Registration	Town Clerk	784-1505
Water	DPW	784-1525
Welfare	State Welfare	1 800 249-2007
Wiring	Wiring Inspector	784-1525
Zoning	Building Inspector	784-1529

### CITIZENS INFORMATION SERVICE

1-800-392-6090

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# ANNUAL REPORT

To the Citizens

of the

TOWN OF SHARON



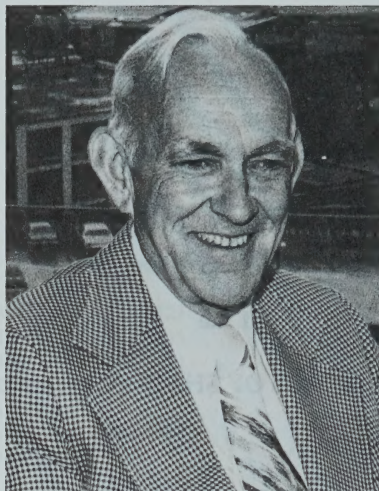
## 2000

Cover: Original Drawing - Samuel Hixson House, 5 Quincy Street  
This property overlooks Hammershop Pond, the first water power on Massapoag Brook, a center of activity during Sharon's industrial period early in the nineteenth century. Samuel Hixson manufactured cotton batting and operated a grist mill near his house on Quincy Street.

Celebrated its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Year 2000.

Artist: Nancy Morse Welch





IN MEMORIAM

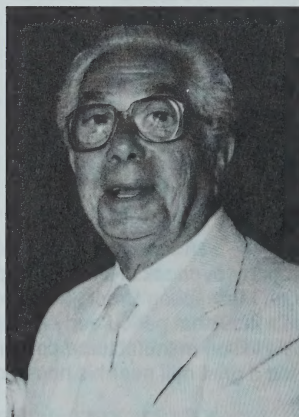
**Milton Corey**

1916 - 2000

Board of Selectmen  
1962 - 1968

Warrant Committee  
1958 - 1961

Library Trustee  
1957 - 1960



IN MEMORIAM

**Edward I. Modiste**

Board of Selectmen

1968 - 1973



## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

JANUARY 24, 2000

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of December 2, 1999, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. Town Clerk, Marlene B. Chused, read the call and return of the warrant.

### **ARTICLE 1.**

**VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty (\$62,520.00) Dollars to meet the unpaid Special Education Tuition expenses for Fiscal Year 1999 incurred by the School Department.

Votes in the affirmative 239. Votes in the negative 10. A standing vote.

### **ARTICLE 2.**

**VOTED:** That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Eighty Thousand (\$680,000.00) Dollars to the Standing Building Committee, as established in Article 25 of the 1997 Annual Town Meeting, for construction, originally equipping and furnishing a library/media center at the Cottage Street School, including, without limitation, financial estimates, design, engineering and architectural services for plans and specifications and construction of such project; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow Six Hundred Eighty Thousand (\$680,000.00) Dollars under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7.

Votes in the affirmative 229. Votes in the negative 73. A standing vote.

### **ARTICLE 3.**

#### **VOTED:**

That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand (\$62,000.00) Dollars to be added to the appropriation under the account created by Article 24 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting to pay for the costs of architectural services for plans and specifications and construction management for the renovation/new construction of the High School, for the costs of remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to

and the costs of constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition to the High School, and/or to meet unanticipated borrowing costs, legal costs of the project, and for the construction costs related to the force main from the Town Recreation facility at the Massapoag Lake Beach to the High School Wastewater Treatment Plant; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow Sixty-Two Thousand (\$62,000.00) Dollars under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 20. Votes in the negative 2. A standing vote.

#### ARTICLE 4.

**VOTED:** That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand (\$47,000.00) Dollars to the School Committee for reconstructing and for making extraordinary repairs to the roof at the High School and for costs and expenses related thereto, including, without limitation, engineering and other costs associated with a study of such roof; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow Forty-Seven Thousand (\$47,000.00) Dollars under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 20. Votes in the negative 1. A standing vote.

**VOTED TO DISSOLVE THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2000 AT 9:10 P.M.**

Attendance: 315

**ATTEST:**

**MARLENE B. CHUSED  
TOWN CLERK**

# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

January 24, 2000

Article		Appropriation	Free Cash	Borrowing
1	School Dept Old Year Bills	62,520	62,520	
2	School Library Media Ctr	680,000		680,000
3	High School Expansion	62,000		62,000
4	High School Roof	47,000		47,000



# PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

MARCH 7, 2000

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of February 24, 2000, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections, met in the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 7:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 7, 2000. The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused who read the call and return of the warrant. The warden for the election was Lynne M. Callanan. The wardens for Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were named as follows: Edna Walden, Barbara Testa, Marjorie Dunn, Shirley Schofield, Josephine Cabral. Clerks and workers were: Ardeth Parrish, Barbara Ripley, Pat Zlotin, Lynne Roach, Eleanor Herburger, Nancy Welch, Ellen Mirson, Marilyn Lamb, Lillian Crosman, Susan Slater, Clista Dow, Helen Hogan, Jan Parr, Diane Curtis, Shelley Hatch, Helen Bouffard, Adrienne Newell, Gertrude Leonard, Irene Scott, Jenny Leavitt, Patty MacDougall, Judy Silverman, Connie Darrow, Sheila White, Diane Waitz, Doris Grahn, Sylvia Namyet, Roni Raisman, Mildred Worthley, Herbert Pozner, Hyman Lamb, Dave Savage, Jim Testa, Phil Chapman, Joseph Petrosky, Morton Kaufman, Bernard Rosenberg, Barry Zlotin, Doris Annis, Beth Kourafas. The ballot boxes were shown to be empty and registered zero; the ballot boxes were locked and the keys delivered to Officer of the Day Allan W. Greenfield. All election officers and workers were sworn.

At 8:00 P.M. the polls were declared closed. Total votes were as follows:

Precinct	Democrats	Republicans	Libertarians	Total
1	498	278	0	776
2	492	300	0	792
3	503	294	0	797
4	487	321	3	811
5	468	369	3	840
Total	2448	1562	6	4016

The ballots were canvassed according to the law by an OPTECH III-P Eagle Precinct Ballot Tabulator. Results were transcribed on summary sheets and declaration was made by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused at 8:30 P.M. as follows:

PRECINCT	DEMOCRATIC					TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE						
Al Gore	273	268	289	280	267	1,377
Lyndon H. LaRouch, Jr.	0	0	0	1	0	1
Bill Bradley	220	217	211	199	193	1,040
No Preference	3	3	1	2	6	15
Write-In	1	1	0	0	2	4
Blanks	1	3	2	5	0	11
Total	498	492	503	487	468	2,448

STATE COMMITTEE MAN NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT						
William R. Keating	436	425	450	428	411	2,150
Write-In	0	1	0	1	0	2
Blanks	62	66	53	58	57	296
Total	498	492	503	487	468	2,448

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN, NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT						
Claire B. Naughton	315	302	335	336	313	1,601
Write-In	1	1	0	0	1	3
Blanks	182	189	168	151	154	844
Total	498	492	503	487	468	2,448

#### DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Steven M. Rudnick	231	244	254	248	237	1,214
E. David Levy	250	249	254	255	236	1,244
Janis Edinburgh	250	263	268	262	246	1,289
Marguerite A. Murphy	225	244	245	231	243	1,188
William R. Forsythe	210	220	225	232	223	1,110
Chester M. Stern	224	236	256	248	234	1,198
Joel H. Fishman	243	260	259	255	238	1,255
Mary E. Lindberg	228	236	241	240	235	1,180
Jonathan C. Rutley	213	226	225	219	217	1,100
Jack Connors	260	258	271	276	253	1,318
Priscilla Levenson	238	250	255	255	249	1,247
Colleen M. Tuck	260	273	286	270	267	1,356
Chickie Monahan	211	222	222	222	223	1,100
Thomas R. Taylor	206	219	220	220	220	1,085
Louis A. Modestino, Jr.	213	221	220	221	215	1,090
Mitchell Blaustein	251	275	284	267	249	1,326
Louis L. Kafka	360	347	358	343	316	1,724
Anne M. Carney	232	244	251	248	245	1,220
Thomas R. Hughes	215	220	221	225	223	1,104
Andrew Nebenzahl	228	234	234	239	224	1,159
Michael L. Cook	220	249	241	237	234	1,181
Susan D. Keating	259	258	267	283	263	1,330
Ronna Bernstein Wallace	216	231	235	226	229	1,137
Roni Thaler	265	278	281	271	257	1,352
Thomas J. Gillen, Jr.	216	225	233	235	227	1,136
Ellen Wilbur	245	242	254	253	240	1,234
William R. Keating	378	381	393	382	353	1,887

#### REPUBLICAN

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE						
Alan Keyes	7	9	9	3	4	32
George W. Bush	67	56	53	67	78	321
Gary Bauer	0	0	0	0	0	0
John McCain	199	233	229	250	285	1,196
Steve Forbes	1	1	1	0	1	4
Orrin Hatch	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Preference	1	0	0	1	0	2
Write-In	1	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	2	1	2	0	1	6
Total	278	300	294	321	369	1,562



STATE COMMITTEE MAN NORFOLK, BRISTOL, PLYMOUTH DISTRICT						
Bruce Olsen	19	10	13	17	9	68
Write-In	3	3	0	4	0	10
Blanks	256	287	281	300	360	1,484
Total	278	300	294	321	369	1,562

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN NORFOLK, BRISTOL, PLYMOUTH DISTRICT						
Holly J. Robichaud	129	121	136	156	183	725
Write-In	2	0	0	3	0	5
Blanks	147	179	158	162	186	832
Total	278	300	294	321	369	1,562

REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE						
Earl Gashin	117	104	117	137	163	638
Chandler W. Jones	138	108	119	148	168	681
Bernerd J. Delman	125	115	123	138	166	667
Arline M. Delman	122	112	119	132	156	641
Glen Maurer	111	96	103	128	151	589
Robert P. Berish	131	132	132	140	167	702
Ronald P. Rogers	120	101	107	132	157	617
Marcia P. Bridgeman	116	105	115	140	166	642
Roger L. Bridgeman	115	102	111	135	164	627
David V. Despres	121	97	110	138	154	620
Herbert K. Daroff	118	104	117	129	159	627
Michael A. Fish	119	105	107	134	153	618
Thomas A. Lamattina	116	95	102	124	157	594
Joseph Reiter	113	93	109	122	150	587
Hyman Stramer	129	96	108	139	150	622
Lee Barron Wernick	122	115	126	138	160	661
Deborah K. Markson	117	97	103	126	149	592
William D. Kasimer	119	93	106	127	151	596
Tina N. Kasimer	120	96	107	133	151	607
Marjorie Dunn	3	0	3	5	1	12
Theodore Frier	2	0	3	5	0	10

# LIBERTARIAN

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE						
Kip Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harry Browne	0	0	0	1	3	4
Edison P. McDaniels, Sr.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larry Hines	0	0	0	1	0	1
David Lynn Hollist	0	0	0	0	0	0
L. Neil Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-In	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	3	3	6

STATE COMMITTEE MAN						
Mark A. Tuniewicz	0	0	0	3	3	6
Blank	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	3	3	6

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN						
Write-In	0	0	0	2	0	2
Blank	0	0	0	1	3	4
Total	0	0	0	3	3	6



TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 11,727

PERCENT VOTING: 34%

ABSENTEE: 144

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION****May 2, 2000**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of March 22, 2000, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections, met in the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 7:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 2, 2000. The warden for the election was Lynne M. Callanan. The wardens for Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 were named as follows: Edna Walden, Barbara Testa, Marjorie Dunn, Shirley Schofield and Josephine Cabral. The meeting was called to order by Marlene B. Chused, Town Clerk, who read the call and return of the warrant. Clerks and workers were: Libby Kafka, Patricia Zlotin, Eleanor Herburger, Marilyn Lamb, Lillian Crosman, Jan Parr, Clista Dow, Diane Donovan, Diane Curtis, Susan Slater, Helen Bouffard, Trudy Leonard, Irene Scott, Gail Snyderman, Mildred Worthley, Doris Grahm, Sylvia Namyet, Mollie Sonion, Linda Lyons, Herbert Pozner, Hyman Lamb, David Savage, James Testa, Phillip Chapman, Joseph Petrosky, Morton Kaufman, Bernard Rosenberg, Barry Zlotin and Beth A. Kourafas. The ballot boxes were shown to be empty and registered zero. The ballot boxes were locked and the keys delivered to Officer of the day, Anthony Lucie. All election officers and workers were sworn.

At 8:04 P.M. the polls were declared closed. Total votes were as follows: Precinct 1 - 398; Precinct 2 - 574; Precinct 3 - 617, Precinct 4 - 482; Precinct 5 - 437. Total votes cast - 2, 508. The ballots were canvassed according to the law by an OPTECH III-P Eagle Ballot Tabulator. Results were transcribed on summary sheets and declaration was made by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused at 8:15 P.M. as follows:

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
<b>SELECTMEN (3 YEARS)</b>						
ALLEN M. GARF	293	412	440	316	320	1,781
WRITE-IN	10	10	10	19	10	59
Blanks	95	152	167	147	107	668
<b>ASSESSOR (3 YEARS)</b>						
ROBERT A. MERRITT	267	369	419	317	298	1,670
WRITE-IN	3	1	2	0	0	6
Blanks	128	204	196	165	139	832

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)**

MITCHELL BLAUSTEIN	242	361	382	292	247	1,524
JANE A. FURR	299	341	381	347	308	1,676
ALAN H. MIRSON	128	234	275	174	173	984
WRITE-IN	0	5	1	0	2	8
Blanks	127	207	195	151	144	824

**PLANNING BOARD (5 YEARS)**

SAMUEL B. SOLOMON	283	375	432	320	315	1,725
WRITE-IN	3	1	0	0	2	6
Blanks	112	198	185	162	120	777

**HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 YEARS)**

D. LURAY WALLACE	281	375	404	311	320	1,691
WRITE-IN	2	1	2	1	0	6
Blanks	115	198	211	170	117	811

**TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY (3 YEARS)**

ALEXANDER BUCHANNAN LEACH III	240	315	336	274	267	1,432
ROBERT A. LEVIN	264	378	410	301	282	1,635
WRITE-IN	4	2	3	1	0	10
Blanks	288	453	485	388	325	1,939

**QUESTION NO. 1**

Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to assess an additional \$850,713 in real estate and personal property taxes for the Sharon Public Schools to fund negotiated contract adjustments for members of the Sharon Teachers’ Association for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand.

YES	297	442	480	348	302	1,869
NO	89	126	128	127	128	598
Blanks	12	6	9	7	7	41

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 11,802  
PERCENT VOTING: 21%  
ABSENTEE BALLOTS: 52

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 8, 2000

Pursuant to the provisions of the warrant of March 22, 2000, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 8:00 P.M..

The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. Town Clerk, Marlene B. Chused, read the call and return of the warrant. Prayer for divine guidance was offered by Pastor Richard Ingram.

The Moderator asked for consent to allow the following non-voters to address the meeting: Cathy Salisbury, Michael Lagetto, James M. Burke and Richard Gray. There was no dissent to this request.

**VOTED:** That this Town Meeting be adjourned to reconvene at this auditorium upon the adjournment or dissolution of the Special Town Meeting within the Annual Meeting of May 8, 2000.

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WITHIN THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. Town Clerk, Marlene B. Chused, read the call and return of the warrant.

#### ARTICLE 1.

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$300,000 to be added to the School Department budget for Fiscal Year 2000, as voted under Article 5 of the May 1999 Annual Town Meeting, to defray charges and expenses of the School Department.

**VOTED:** THAT THIS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WITHIN THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BY DISSOLVED.

#### ARTICLE 2.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Town elect to the Finance Committee the following named:



For a three year term:

Marc Bluestein - 3 Livingston Road  
Daniel Sirkin - 194 South Main Street  
Thomas Gillen - 10 Summer Street  
Paul Bouton - 6 Red Fox Run

### ARTICLE 3.

**VOTED:** That the reports of the various officials, boards and committees be received for filing.

### ARTICLE 4.

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Personnel By-Law of the Town of Sharon exactly as printed beginning on page 2 and ending on page 11 of the Annual Meeting Warrant, except that on pages 9 and 10, delete the amounts shown as additional compensation for the following positions:

DETECTIVE PATROLMAN	\$35.00 PER WEEK
POLICE PROSECUTOR	\$35.00 PER WEEK
MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR (SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT)	\$17.54 PER WEEK
ACCREDITATION MANAGER, COMPUTER MANAGER	\$17.54 PER WEEK
DARE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	\$17.54 PER WEEK
CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER	\$17.54 PER WEEK
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT OFFICER	\$17.54 PER WEEK

and substitute therefore the following:

DETECTIVE PATROLMAN	\$40.00 PER WEEK
POLICE PROSECUTOR	\$40.00 PER WEEK
MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR (SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT)	\$22.54 PER WEEK
ACCREDITATION MANAGER, COMPUTER MANAGER	\$22.54 PER WEEK
DARE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	\$22.54 PER WEEK
CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER	\$22.54 PER WEEK
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT OFFICER	\$22.54 PER WEEK

A. By adopting as amendments to said By-Law, the following interim and/or emergency changes, additions or deletions by the Personnel Board in its authority under Section 2.6 of the By-Laws:

1) To establish an Interim By-Law change to create the position of Administrative Assistant to the Sharon Standing Building Committee under the Office Occupation Category, Group II. The pay range according to the current By-Laws will be:

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
\$11.54	\$12.32	\$13.20	\$14.10	\$15.42

B. By striking out all classification schedules and pay schedules in Appendix A and B substituting new classification schedules and new pay schedules Appendix A and B as of July 1, 2000 and effective new dates where applicable.

# APPENDIX A

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CONTAINED WITHIN CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE SECTION ENTITLED 1.100-1.300 WITH ASSOCIATED PAY SCHEDULE SECTION 2.100-2.300 ARE NOT COVERED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

## EXECUTIVE CATEGORY JULY 1,2000 - JUNE 30,2001

SECTION 1.100	SECTION 2.100
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE	PAY SCHEDULE/ANNUALLY

CODE		
E-1	Police Chief	\$ 97,080
E-1	Superintendent of Public Works	\$ 81,568
E-1	Fire Chief	\$ 70,119
E-3	Town Engineer	\$ 66,465
E-3	Treasurer/Collector D.P. Mgr.	\$ 66,373*
E-3	Systems Administrator	\$ 65,388
E-3	Library Director	\$ 61,225
E-3	Recreation Director	\$ 60,000
E-4	Town Accountant	\$ 56,781
E-4	Assistant Assessor	\$ 52,972
E-4	Council on Aging Exec. Dir.	\$ 48,119

\* Does not reflect Data Processing Manager additional compensation of \$9,295 per year.

SECTION 1.200	SECTION 2.000
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE	PAY SCHEDULE

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (HRLY)

Effective 7/1/99  
\$20.75

Effective 7/1/00

Steps	Min	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Max
hrly	20.44	20.91	21.38	21.85	22.35	22.85	23.37	23.89	24.43	24.98

Note: Position is hereby entitled to benefits provided to ATP/MP Association per contract provisions as follows: Article III "Longevity," Article IV "Leave," Article V "Sick Leave," Article VI "Hours of Work" (with premium rates applicable after 37.5 hrs/wk) Article VII "Miscellaneous Benefits" (J) Special Eyeglasses.

SECY-BOARD OF SELECT/ELEC. SECY (HRLY)

Effective 7/1/99  
 Step 4      Step 5  
 14.77      15.06

Effective 7 /1/00

Steps	Min	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Max
hrly	13.78	14.05	14.33	14.62	14.91	15.21	15.52	15.83	16.14	16.47

Note: Position is hereby entitled to contract benefit provisions per Agreement between Town and Local 925 as follows: Article 7, "Hours of Work" Article 8 " Sick Leave," Article 9 "Vacations," Article 10 "Holiday," Article 12 "Insurance," Article 13(g) "Longevity," Article 17 "Bereavement Leave," Article 23(3) "Technological Change."

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1.300  
 CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE  
 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000

SECTION 2.300  
 PAY SCHEDULE

TITLE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
VETERANS' AGENT (YRLY)					10,505.00
DATA PROCESSING MGR (YRLY)					9,295.00
SEALER OF WEIGHTS/MEASURES (YRLY)					1,545.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FILL-IN (DAILY/VACATION)					35.00/50.00
ANIMAL INSPECTOR (YRLY)					1,000.00
CUST/MAINT (HOURLY)	5.74	5.91	6.09	6.27	
DPW TEMP/SUMMER LABOR (HRLY)	7.16	7.85	8.58		
LIBRARY PAGE (HRLY)	5.74	5.91	6.09	6.27	
ADM. SECRETARY - FINANCE COMM. (HRLY)	10.35	11.58	12.49	13.12	14.66
USER GROUP FACILITATOR(WKLY)					35.00

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT - PART-TIME  
 EFFECTIVE May 1, 2000 (HRLY)

	<u>STEP 1</u>	<u>STEP 2</u>
Waterfront Supervisor	10.82	11.14
Water Safety Instructor	7.51	7.74
Lifeguard	6.76	6.96
Head Gateguard	6.76	6.96
Gateguard	6.00	6.18
Sailing Supervisor	10.82	11.14
Sailing Instructor	7.51	7.74
Playground/Camp Supervisor	10.82	11.14
Playground/Camp Counselor	7.51	7.74
Tag & Sticker Clerk	8.19	8.44

**NOTE:** Executive and certain Miscellaneous Category positions represent the joint recommendations of the Personnel Board and the appropriate appointing authority (i.e., Board of Selectmen, Library Trustees and Assessors).

APPENDIX B



THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CONTAINED WITHIN CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE SECTIONS ENTITLED 1.400-1.800 WITH ASSOCIATED PAY SCHEDULE SECTIONS 2.400-2.800 ARE COVERED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY  
JULY 1, 1999 - JUNE 30, 2000\*  
3% INCREASE

SECTION 1.400	SECTION 2.400
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE	PAY SCHEDULE/WEEKLY
GROUP I	

TITLE	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>
Super.Hwy. Oper.	656.29	702.25	751.40	803.97	860.27
Super.Water	656.29	702.25	751.40	803.97	860.27
Bldg.Insp.	656.29	702.25	751.40	803.97	860.27
Pub.Health Nurse**	410.04	438.90	469.63	502.49	537.63
GROUP IB					
Asst. Town Engineer	787.52	837.78	891.26	948.15	1008.66
GROUP II					
DPW Adm. Asst.	623.06	666.65	713.32	763.22	816.66
Sr.Eng.Aide	623.06	666.65	713.32	763.22	816.66
Asst.Rec. Dir.***	623.06	666.65	713.32	763.22	816.66
Conservation Officer	623.06	666.65	713.32	763.22	816.66
Super.,Forestry & Grounds	623.06	666.65	713.32	763.22	816.66
GROUP II-A					
Asst.Oper. Super.	591.50	632.37	676.41	723.62	775.52
Eng.Aide	591.50	632.37	676.41	723.62	775.52
Eng.Aide/GIS Tech.	591.50	632.37	676.41	723.62	775.52
Athletic Sup.Rec.	591.50	632.37	676.41	723.62	775.52
GROUP II-B					
DP Sys. Admin.	682.70	730.51	781.64	836.36	894.89
GROUP II-C					
Case Manager****	470.67	481.26	492.09	503.16	514.48
GROUP III					
Animal Control Officer	375.19	401.45	434.28	445.71	476.81

\*This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.  
 \*\*25 hour week  
 \*\*\*37 1/2 hour work week  
 \*\*\*\*28 hour work week

INDUSTRIAL, TRADE AND SERVICES CATEGORY  
JULY 1, 1998 - JUNE 30, 1999\*  
3% INCREASE

SECTION 1.500  
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.500  
PAY SCHEDULE/HOURLY

						1%	1%
						1/1/99	6/30/99
	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 4	STEP 4
Working Foreman (Water)	ITS-3A	15.35	15.73	16.06	17.14	17.31	17.48
Senior Water Systems Tech.	ITS-3A	15.35	15.73	16.06	17.14	17.31	17.48
Working Foreman	ITS-3	14.90	15.29	15.67	16.66	16.83	17.00
Master Mechanic	ITS-4	14.38	14.70	15.01	15.90	16.06	16.22
Aerial Lift Oper.	ITS-4	14.38	14.70	15.01	15.90	16.06	16.22
Sign Maker	ITS-4	14.38	14.70	15.01	15.90	16.06	16.22
Water Systems Tech.	ITS-5A	13.83	14.27	14.60	15.56	15.72	15.88
Spec.Hvy.Equip. Oper.	ITS-5	13.43	13.83	14.16	15.12	15.27	15.42
Night Custodian**	ITS-5	13.43	13.83	14.16	15.12	15.27	15.42
Auto Equip.Op.	ITS-6	13.07	13.37	13.60	14.49	14.63	14.78
Skilled Laborer	ITS-6	13.07	13.37	13.60	14.49	14.63	14.78
Main.Man-Cust	ITS-6	13.07	13.37	13.60	14.49	14.63	14.78
Labor Group II	ITS-7	12.29	12.59	12.87	13.69	13.83	13.97
Labor Group III	ITS-8	11.83	12.04	12.33	13.09	13.22	13.35
Auxiliary Labor	ITS-9	11.29	11.53	11.69	12.36	12.48	12.60

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\*\*Night Custodian -- Employees holding job title "Night Custodian" position classification ITS-5 shall, in addition to the regular hourly rate of compensation associated with same, be compensated the sum of thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each week.

OFFICE OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATION

SECTION 1.600  
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.600  
PAY SCHEDULE/HOURLY

GROUP I

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK  
ASSISTANT TREASURER  
ASSISTANT TOWN ACCOUNTANT/ASSISTANT TO VETERANS' AGENT  
POLICE SECRETARY  
ASSISTANT COLLECTOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ASSESSOR'S OFFICE  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-HEALTH DEPARTMENT

GROUP II

ASSISTANT TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
LIBRARY CIRCULATION SUPERVISOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - LIBRARY  
ASSESSOR - CLERK I  
EDP OPERATOR-SENIOR BOOKKEEPER  
ELECTION/REGISTRATION SECRETARY CLERK  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-PLANNING BOARD  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-COUNCIL ON AGING  
TREASURY SUPERVISOR  
COLLECTION SUPERVISOR  
SECRETARY/CLERK ACCOUNTING/VETERANS' AGENT

GROUP III  
 DPW SECRETARY  
 SECRETARY-PERSONNEL BOARD  
 POLICE CLERK  
 SECRETARY CLERK ACCOUNTANT  
 SENIOR BOOKKEEPER-TREASURER  
 SECRETARY-FIRE DEPARTMENT  
 LIBRARY TECHNICAL SERVICE ASSISTANT  
 SECRETARY-ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
 SECRETARY-RECREATION  
 TRANSPORTATION COORD/RECEPTIONIST - COA

GROUP IV  
 LIBRARY ASSISTANT  
 CASHIER CLERK  
 SECRETARY-CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
 ASSESSOR-CLERK 2  
 JUNIOR BOOKKEEPER-REAL ESTATE

SECTION 1.600  
 CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.600  
 PAY SCHEDULE/HOURLY

JANUARY 1, 1999 - JUNE 30, 1999\*

CODE	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5**</u>
GROUP I	12.72	13.58	14.57	15.56	17.03
GROUP II	11.54	12.32	13.20	14.10	15.42
GROUP III	10.41	11.15	11.95	12.75	13.96
GROUP IV	9.43	10.05	10.76	11.58	12.64

LIBRARY - RECREATION DEPARTMENT

TITLE	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5*</u>
GRADE I Library/Comm'ty Center Custodian & Custodial Maintenance	9.70	10.30	10.98	11.64	12.82
GRADE II Library/Comm'ty Center Custodian	8.80	9.38	9.98	10.58	11.64

WEEKLY

Bus Driver/ Weekly	344.65	370.41	393.89	419.66	458.64
ATP 9A Head Info.Serv./ Asst.Dir.	531.79	569.12	608.95	651.60	710.95
ATP 9B Child. Serv.Librarian	501.68	536.91	574.52	614.69	671.84
Tech Services Librarian	501.68	536.91	574.52	614.69	671.84
ATP 9 Information Ser.Librarian	471.62	504.70	540.02	577.81	630.48

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\*\*1% effective 1/1

# PUBLIC SAFETY CATEGORY

SECTION 1.700  
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.700  
PAY SCHEDULE/WEEKLY

## POLICE DEPARTMENT JULY 1, 1998 - JUNE 30, 2001

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
Police Chief	PD-110					\$1,866.92**
Sergeant	PD-80					
<u>Effective Date</u>						
July 1, 1998 (3%)						846.77
June 30, 1999(23:59 HRS) (1%)						855.24
July 1, 1999 (3%)						880.90
July 1,2000 (3%)						907.33

Patrolman	PD-60	PD-60A 1ST YR.	PD-60B 2ND YR.	PD-60C 3RD YR.	PD-60D 4TH YR.
<u>Effective Date</u>					
July 1, 1998 (3%)		561.32	599.06	638.58	706.52
June 30,1999(23:59HRS) (1%)		566.93	605.05	644.97	713.59
July 1, 1999 (3%)		583.94	623.20	644.32	735.00
July 1,2000		601.46	641.90	684.25	757.05

## POLICE DISPATCHERS JULY 1, 1998 - JUNE 30, 1999\*

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	1% (6/30) STEP 5
CIVILIAN DISPATCHER (HRLY)	PD-40						
<u>Effective Date</u>							
July 1, 1998		9.96	10.65	11.36	12.07	13.44	
January 1, 1999						13.57	13.71

ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION SUPERVISOR/DISPATCHER \$25.00 PER WEEK.

\* This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.



SUPERIOR OFFICERS  
July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2002

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
Lieutenant, Police Dept.					
July 1, 1999(3%)	1230.19	1267.09	1305.12	1344.27	1384.60
Jan. 1, 2000(1%)	1242.49	1279.76	1318.17	1357.71	1398.45
July 1, 2000(3%)	1279.76	1318.15	1357.72	1398.44	1440.40
Jan. 1, 2001(1%)	1292.56	1331.33	1371.30	1412.42	1454.80
July 1, 2001(3%)	1331.34	1371.27	1412.44	1454.79	1498.44
Jan. 1, 2002(1%)	1344.65	1384.98	1426.56	1469.34	1513.42

POLICE CROSSING GUARDS

JULY 1, 1999 - JUNE 30, 2002

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD (DAILY)	PD-20			
July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000		26.74	29.15	32.05
July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001		27.54	30.02	33.02
July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002		28.37	30.92	34.01

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD SUPERVISOR (DAILY) PD-20A

July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000	40.12
July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001	41.32
July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002	42.56

PD-20 and PD-20A--The amounts of pay shown in the above schedule shall be paid in the event that school is canceled due to snow.

The amounts of pay shown in the above schedule for position code PD-60 and PD-80 do not include the extra pay for educational qualifications provided for in the statutes and regulations of the State.

Members of the Police Department while so designated by the Chief of Police shall receive additional compensation to be considered part of their base pay as follows:

DETECTIVE PATROLMAN	\$40.00 PER WEEK
POLICE PROSECUTOR	\$40.00 PER WEEK
MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR (SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT)	\$22.54 PER WEEK
ACCREDITATION MANAGER, COMPUTER MANAGER	\$22.54 PER WEEK
DARE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	\$22.54 PER WEEK
CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER	\$22.54 PER WEEK
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT OFFICER	\$22.54 PER WEEK

\*\* The pay of the Police Chief, including all overtime pay and extra pay for educational qualifications, shall be limited to \$1866.92 per week, effective 7/1/00 (Non-Civil Service).

Any patrolman, appointed without being required to take the written examination, shall be paid the base pay rate called for by step 1 of the pay schedule for a period of six months following his appointment, and, upon the expiration of said six-month period, shall be paid the base pay rate provided for by step 2 unless he shall have previously been employed full time as a police officer, in which case he shall be paid the base pay rate under the step he would have been paid if his prior employment had been in the Sharon Police Department. Notwithstanding the step increase or increases provided herein, a patrolman's probationary period shall be the probationary period provided for in 5-5 of this By-Law or in the collective bargaining agreement, whichever is applicable.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### SECTION 1.800 CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

#### SECTION 2.800 PAY SCHEDULE/WEEKLY

JULY 1, 2000 - JUNE 30, 2001

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5**
FIRE CHIEF	100					\$1,343.29
DEP FIRE CHIEF	99					\$1,106.87

\*\*The pay of the Fire Chief, including all overtime pay, shall be limited to \$1,343.29 per week for fiscal year 2000-2001. The pay of the Deputy Fire Chief, including all overtime pay, shall be limited to \$1,106.87 per week for fiscal year 2000-2001.

JULY 1, 1999 - JUNE 30, 2000 (3%)

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
CAPT.	FD-90				862.67
LT.	FD-80				853.45
FF.	FD-60	610.50	642.95	728.95	

JULY 1, 2000 - JUNE 30, 2001 (3%)

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
CAPT.	FD-90				888.55
LT.	FD-80				879.05
FF.	FD-60	628.82	662.24	750.82	

JULY 1, 2001 - JUNE 30, 2002 (3%)

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
CAPT.	FD-90				915.21
LT.	FD-80				905.43
FF.	FD-60	647.69	682.11	773.35	

Members of the Fire Department in the above classifications who become certified, are certified or are recertified as Emergency Medical Technicians shall receive an annual stipend. Employees not now certified will be given the opportunity to obtain such certification, one at a time. Employees taking the certification course a second or subsequent time will receive overtime payments and tuition reimbursement only upon passing the EMT examination and becoming certified.

Members of the Fire Department are eligible to receive additional compensation in each fiscal year in accordance with the following educational incentive program:

For Fire Science Course approved in advance by the Fire Chief and successfully passed and credits certified, members of the Fire Department in the above classifications shall receive additional compensation in each fiscal year in accordance with the following schedule:

FOR 15 COURSE CREDITS CERTIFIED	\$ 200 ANNUALLY
FOR 30 COURSE CREDITS CERTIFIED	400 ANNUALLY
FOR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE CERTIFIED	1,000 ANNUALLY
FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE CERTIFIED	1,500 ANNUALLY

Payments for Emergency Medical Technician Certification Program shall be made on the second pay in the month of November. Educational Incentive, effective 7/1/98, shall be added to base wage.

CALL FIREFIGHTERS  
HOURLY COMPENSATION RATE

July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999 10.00\*

\* This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

ARTICLE 5.

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate for the various town offices and for defraying charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest for fiscal year, July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, the various sums stated as "FY'01 Recommendation" by the Finance Committee and shown in the "FY'01 Article 5 Recapitulation" on pages 46-49 of the warrant for this annual meeting, except the following:

Board of Selectmen	Town Clerk
Reserve Fund	Ambulance
Assessors	School
Debt Principal	Water Department
Debt Interest	

**VOTED:**

Moderator	\$ 50.
Finance Committee	4,678.
Accountant	162,174.
Treasurer	262,136.
Law	84,315.
Personnel Board	3,398.
Data Processing	155,653.
Election & Registration	72,333.
Conservation Comm.	67,245.
Lake Mgt. Committee	2,500.
Planning Board	12,814.

Board of Appeals	14,472.
Develop. & Ind. Comm.	1.
Affirmative Action	0.
Town Report	9,450.
Sign Committee	50.
Police	2,106,809.
Fire	1,184,208.
Sealer of Wts & Measures	1,980.
Animal Inspector	1,000.
Civil Defense	9,350.
Animal Control	44,950.
SE Voc. Tech assessment	10,578.
SE Voc. Tech tuition	12,000.
Public Works	1,820,943.
Street Lights	245,925.
Board of Health	186,955.
Council on Aging	164,937.
Veteran's Agent	15,320.
Veteran's Graves	2,400.
Commission on Disability	1,550.
Housing Partnership	0.
Library	615,157.
Recreation	311,577.
Historical Commission	150.
Community Celebrations	1,555.
FICA: Medicare	255,000.
FICA: Social Security	57,000.
Insurance	\$ 2,627,617.

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$205,122 for the Board of Selectmen's budget, of which \$500 shall be for the salary of the Chairman and \$800 for the other members, and \$203,822 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate the sum of \$350,000 for the Reserve Fund by transferring \$350,000 from the Overlay Reserve Account.

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,588 for the Board of Assessors; budget, of which \$2,400 shall be for the salary of the Chairman, \$4,400 shall be for the salaries for the other members, and \$173,788 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,674 for the Town Clerk's budget, of which \$44,000 shall be for the salary of the Town Clerk, and \$51,674 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$371,409 for the Ambulance budget, of which \$181,435 shall be transferred from the Ambulance Reserve Account, with the balance of \$189,974 raised on tax levy.



**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,114,993 for the School budget of which \$1,123,484 shall be transferred from "Free Cash" with the balance of \$20,991,509 raised on the tax levy.

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,693,224 for the Debt Principal budget.

**MOTION:** TO RECONSIDER ARTICLE 5 SCHOOL BUDGET. **NOT CARRIED.**

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,441,346 for the Debt Interest budget.

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,298,734 for the Water Division budget.

## **ARTICLE 6.**

**VOTED:** A. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Dorchester and Surplus Revenue School Funds as follows:

Robert Uyttebroek and Chandler W. Jones

B. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Edmund H. Talbot Fund as follows:

Robert R. Currie, Albert F. Blackler and Eleanor M. Herburger

C. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Sharon Friends School Fund as follows:

Morton Kaufman, Eleanor M. Herburger, Chandler W. Jones, Robert Uyttebroek and Corrine Hershman; and,

D. To accept the report of the donors of the Sharon Friends School Fund.

## **ARTICLE 7.**

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,085,578 to be added to the special fund established to pay the Norfolk County Retirement Board for the Annual Assessment costs chargeable to the Town.

## **ARTICLE 8.**

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000 for the purpose of services to perform an annual audit of accounts of the Town of Sharon for the fiscal year 2000 in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 40, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

## **ARTICLE 9.**

**MOVED:** That the Town raise and appropriate \$750,000 for the costs of the reconstructing or resurfacing of public ways and for original construction of sidewalks for the Department of Public Works; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$750,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

**MOTION:** To amend the Finance Committee's Motion by striking out the figure \$750,000 and substituting \$700,000 for the costs of the reconstructing or resurfacing of public ways and for the original construction of sidewalks for the Department of Public Works. **NOT CARRIED.**

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate \$750,000 for the costs of the reconstructing or resurfacing of public ways and for original construction of sidewalks for the Department of Public Works; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$750,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 25. Votes in the negative 4. A standing vote.

## **ARTICLE 10.**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Town raise and appropriate \$103,000 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Department of Public Works; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$103,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

## **ARTICLE 11.**

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate \$511,713 for the costs of engineering and architectural services, for remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to public school buildings, and for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the School Department; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$511,713 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 25. Votes in the negative 2. A standing vote.

## **ARTICLE 12.**

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate \$375,000 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Fire Department; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$375,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 25. Votes in the negative 3. A standing vote.

## **ARTICLE 13.**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Town raise and appropriate \$105,000 for making extraordinary repairs to the Public Library and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the

approval of the board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$105,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

#### **ARTICLE 14.**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Town raise and appropriate \$45,000 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment and for the development, design, purchase, and installation of computer hardware, software and other data processing equipment for the Police Department; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$45,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

#### **ARTICLE 15.**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Town raise and appropriate \$45,000 for remodeling, reconstructing, and for making extraordinary repairs to the Community Center and for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Recreation Department; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$45,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

#### **ARTICLE 16.**

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate \$15,337 for the preservation of documents for the Town Clerk's office.

#### **ARTICLE 17.**

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate \$16,274 for the preservation of documents for the Board of Assessors' Office.

#### **ARTICLE 18.**

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate \$14,500 for the updating of all property assessments in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 59, Section 38.

#### **ARTICLE 19.**

**VOTED:** That action under Article 19 be indefinitely postponed. (This article proposed raising and appropriating a sum of money to be added to the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Account.)



## ARTICLE 20.

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate the sum of \$340,000 and authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting as the Board of Water Commissioners, to purchase in the name of the Town, the following parcels of land:

- 1) The property known as 54 South Walpole Street, containing 3 acres, more or less, more particularly described in a deed from Robert S. Steinert to Lucy P.C. Steinert and Cornelia A. Steinert, dated January 16, 1995 and recorded in Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 10800, at Page 528;
- 2) The property known as 65 South Walpole Street, containing 19.3 acres, more or less, more particularly described as "First Parcel" in a deed from Amory Goddard to Elizabeth A. Goddard dated December 10, 1983 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 6313, at Page 88; and
- 3) The property known as 62 South Walpole Street, containing 4 acres, more or less, more particularly described in a deed from Jane Goddard Steinert to Frederick D. Ballou & Peter B. Loring, trustee of the Goddard Title Trust, dated August 18, 1992 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 9654, at Page 199;
- 4) And/or such other adjacent parcels of land as determined by the Board of Selectmen;

and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into such agreements and execute such documents as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing. This property is to be acquired for water supply protection pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Sections 39, 41 and 15B and Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution and is to be held under the control of the Board of Selectmen, acting as the Board of Water commissioners of the Town of Sharon, as required by an aquifer land acquisition grant agreement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

## ARTICLE 21.

**VOTED:** That the Town hereby directs the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Sharon, acting in their capacity as Road Commissioners, to recommend to the Norfolk County Commissioners that said Commissioners take the following actions with regard to certain parcels of land off Mountain Street in Sharon, shown as Parcel 5 on sheets 482-1 and 482-2 and as Parcel 68 on sheet 482-19 and as also shown on Profile Plan Showing Relocation and Widening of Mountain Street, Sharon, MA, from Bay Road to East Street, as drawn and certified on a plan by Norfolk Commissioner, Wallace S. Carson, County Engineer, dated May 16, 1961: (1)discontinue the Mountain Street improvements as they relate to said parcels, (2)declare the parcels previously taken surplus, and (3)dispose of such surplus parcels through sale at public auction or by such other method as may be prescribed for the disposition of surplus land and to take any necessary action in support of such recommendation.

## **ARTICLE 22.**

**VOTED:** That action under Article 22 be indefinitely postponed. (This article proposed withdrawal of participation in Norfolk County Mosquito Control Program.)

## **ARTICLE 23.**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Town appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$200,000 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, the State Revolving Fund, Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or otherwise, as determined by the Board of Selectmen.

## **ARTICLE 24**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept Section 4, Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, which authorized additional real estate exemptions to be granted to persons who qualify for property tax exemptions under Clauses 17, 17C, 17C ½, 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37, 37A, 41, 41B, and 41C of Section 5 of Chapter 59 in an amount equal to 100 percent, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001.

## **ARTICLE 25.**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept Section 59, Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999, which authorizes establishment of a property tax work-off program under which senior citizens provide volunteer services to the town in exchange for a reduction in their tax bills. Under this program, participating taxpayers, who must be over 60 years old, volunteer their services to the municipality in exchange for a reduction in their tax bills. Senior may earn a maximum of \$500 per fiscal year, based on a rate per hour of service that cannot exceed the Commonwealth's minimum wage.

The maximum annual real estate tax reduction should not exceed ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars.

## **ARTICLE 26.**

**VOTED:** That the Town reauthorize the various revolving funds under M.G.L. c44 s53 E1/2 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2000 as shown in Article 26, on pages 23-27 of the warrant for this annual meeting, with the exception of the School Bus Revolving Fund, except that the

amount in the last line of the second paragraph of Part H (Conservation Commission Revolving Fund) shall be Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars.

#### **A. Tax Title Revolving Fund**

**VOTED:** That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund to be known as the Tax Title Fund in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

The purpose of the fund is to provide for Treasurer Department needs or expenditures to process tax takings, to administer tax titles and to undertake foreclosures. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be solely derived from the receipt of Town Collector's costs and sale of municipal lien certificates. The Town Treasurer shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2001 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2000 plus monies deposited into the fund during FY 2001 and in any event shall not exceed forty thousand (\$40,000) dollars.

#### **B. Library Public-Use Supplies Revolving Funds**

**VOTED:** That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund to be known henceforth as the Library Public-Use Supplies Replacement Fund in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

The purpose of this fund is to acquire supplies associated with the use of public-use computer printers and FAXes such as, but not limited to, paper and ink cartridges. Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies collected as a user fee paid by the users of computer printers and/or the recipients of FAXes. Such monies represent the replacement cost of the supplies. The Library Director, with the approval of the Library Board of Trustees, shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2001 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2000 plus monies deposited into the fund during FY 2001 and in any event shall not exceed three thousand (\$3,000) dollars.

#### **C. Gun License Revolving Fund**

**VOTED:** That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund to be known as the Gun Licensing Fund in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

The purpose of the fund is to provide for Police Departmental needs or expenditures in connection with gun licensing. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be solely derived from the receipt of the Town's share of firearms license and permit fees. The Chief of Police shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2001 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2000 plus monies deposited into the fund during FY 2001 and in any event shall not exceed six thousand two hundred fifty (\$6,250) dollars.

#### **E. Street Opening Fund**



**VOTED:** That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund first established for Fiscal Year 1992, known as the Street Opening Fund as provided by M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

The purpose of this fund is to defray the cost of making permanent repairs to openings in Town streets by utility companies, contractors, and/or the Town Water Division.

Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies paid by utility companies, contractors and/or the Town Water Division in accordance with the requirements of the Town of Sharon Street Opening Manual. The Superintendent of Public Works, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal year 2001 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal year 2000 plus monies deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2001 and in any event shall not exceed seventy five thousand (\$75,000) dollars.

## **F. Recycling Fund**

**VOTED:** That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund first established for Fiscal Year 1991 known as the Recycling Fund as provided by M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

The purpose of this fund is to support the recycling program of the Town of Sharon and to purchase and install shade trees and shrubs to be planted in the public ways of the Town and otherwise as provided for in Section 7, Chapter 87 of the General statutes. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be monies derived from the sale of recycled materials including, but not limited to, newspaper, glass, metals and plastics, the sale of leaf bags, and disposal fees for certain special wastes generated by the citizens of Sharon including, but not limited to, batteries, tires, and used motor oil and white goods, and an amount equal to the number of tons of material recycled times the Tipping Fee at the SEMASS facility to be transferred from the Tipping Fee Escrow Fund. The Superintendent of Public Works, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2001 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2000 plus monies deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2001, and in any event shall not exceed fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars.

## **G. Cable TV Licensing and Relicensing Fund**

That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund to be known as the Cable TV Licensing and Relicensing Fund in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

The purpose of this fund is to prepare for future cable licensing or relicensing. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be solely derived from the annual proceeds received by the Town in fiscal year 2000 from the cable television licensee under the terms of a Renewal License granted by the Board of Selectmen. Said license requires that to the extent authorized by Chapter 166A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, and permitted by Federal Communication Commission regulations, 50 cents per subscriber per year be forwarded to the Town annually. Expenditures in 2001 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2000 plus receipts deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2001 and in any case shall not exceed seven thousand (\$7,000) dollars.

Any unused balance, subject to subsequent Town Meeting authorization, shall carry forward for the benefit of Sharon cable subscribers to cover any costs incurred at the time of license issuance or renewal.

The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to expend from this fund.

**H. Conservation Commission Advertising Revolving Fund**

**VOTED:** That the Town reauthorized a revolving fund known as the “Conservation Commission Advertising Revolving Fund” in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

The purpose of this fund shall be to defray the cost of advertising for hearings and meetings before the Sharon Conservation Commission. Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies paid by persons requesting hearings before the Sharon Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2001 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2000 plus monies deposited into the fund during FY 2001 and in any event shall not exceed two thousand two hundred fifty (\$2,250) dollars.

**I. Library Materials Replacement Fund**

**VOTED:** That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund first established for fiscal year 1993 known as the Library Materials Replacement Fund in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

The purpose of this fund is to acquire equivalent Public Library materials to replace items lost by those who borrow such materials. Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies paid by the borrowers of the lost materials. Such monies represent the replacement cost of the material. The Library Director, with the approval of the Library Board of Trustees, shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2001 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2000 plus receipts deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2001 and in any case shall not exceed three thousand (\$3,000) dollars.

**D. School Bus Revolving Fund**

**VOTED:** That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund to be known as the School Bus Revolving Fund in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E ½.

The purpose of this fund shall be to support the fee-based student transportation system established for those students not eligible for free transportation. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be monies collected from parents and guardians of students who are not eligible for free transportation and who wish to purchase school bus transportation. The Superintendent of Schools, with the approval of the School Committee, shall be authorized to expend from the fund. Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2001 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from

Fiscal Year 2000 plus monies deposited into the fund during FY 2001 and in any event shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000) dollars.

**ARTICLE 27.**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the full apportionment of the 1999 State Transportation Bond Issue and to appropriate \$305,296.14 as available funds for highway construction, detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department pursuant to Chapter 53 and Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999.

**ARTICLE 28.**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Sharon by adding Article 35C, entitled "Right-of-Way By-Law," as set forth in full text on file with the Town Clerk.

This By-Law seeks to establish a uniform system of regulation for the non-vehicular use of the Town's rights-of-way by allowing the Town to charge non-governmental users for the use of these rights-of-way. This By-Law will require that the user obtain a right-of-way permit prior to commencing any work in, on, under, along, above, or across a right-of-way or use of a right-of-way. The proposed right-of-way By-Law establishes minimum requirements for construction in the rights-of-way and provides for license rental payments for the non-exclusive right to use the Town's rights-of-way.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY BY-LAW**

**I. PREAMBLE**

In partial fulfillment of the obligation to see to the prudential management of the Town's affairs and assets and in light of the continuing technological revolution in telecommunications, the recent passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the de-regulation of the electric and natural gas industries in the Commonwealth, the Town hereby establishes a comprehensive and fair system of regulation for all entities which desire to use the Town's Rights-of-Way.

**II. INTRODUCTION**

The purpose and intent of this By-Law is to:

- a. Provide the Town with accurate and current information concerning all facilities located in the Town's Rights-of-Way together with current information concerning entities owning or controlling the Facilities, and
- b. Permit and manage reasonable access to the public Rights-of-Way on a competitively neutral basis, and
- c. Manage Grants of Location in Public Ways, and
- d. Conserve the limited physical capacity of the Rights-of-Way held in public trust by the Town, and
- e. Assure that the Town is appropriately compensated when its Rights-of-Ways are utilized by non-governmental entities, and



- f. Assure that the Town's current and on-going costs of granting and regulating private access to and use of the public Right-of-Way are fully paid by the persons seeking such access and causing such costs, and
- g. Assure that the Town can continue to fairly and responsibly protect the public health, safety and welfare.

This by-law is adopted in accordance with the authority granted, inter alia, by Amendment Article 89 to Article II of the Massachusetts Constitution, M.G.L. Chapter 43B section 13, M.G.L. Chapter 40 sections 4, 21 and 22F, and Chapter 85.

### III. DEFINITIONS

**Applicant:** Any person or entity, including without limitation implied, Public Utility, Telecommunications Carrier, Local Exchange Carrier or municipal department which owns or exercises general responsibility and control over any Facility.

**Application:** The written application on a form prescribed by the Awarding Authority with any required documentation and the Application Fee by which an Applicant or Co-Locator requests a Right-of-Way Permit.

**Application Fee:** A fifty dollar (\$50.00) non-refundable processing fee which shall accompany each application for a Right-of-Way Permit.

**Attachment:** Any device, apparatus, appliance, equipment, wire or cable or other thing including any Telecommunication Facility installed or proposed to be installed on or in any Existing Facility whether by Applicant or Co-Locator or proposed to be installed on any New Facility by Applicant or Co-Locator.

**Awarding Authority:** The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Sharon which has authority to exercise the powers granted by this By-Law.

**Co-Locator:** Any person or entity other than Applicant who desires to use an Existing or New Facility.

**Contractor:** All officers or employees of Applicant or Co-Locator who perform or any person or entity engaged by or on behalf of Applicant or Co-Locator to perform construction, repair or maintenance work on Overhead or Underground Facilities owned by Applicant and permitted by the Awarding Authority which are located in the Right-of-Way. The Contractor for purposes of this By-Law and for all questions of liability in connection with any construction, repair or maintenance work on Overhead or Underground Facilities owned by Applicant which are located in the Right-of-Way shall be conclusively deemed an agent of Applicant or Co-Locator for whom Applicant or Co-Locator is fully responsible.

**Default:** The failure of the Permit Holder (including all Contractors or other agents of Permit Holder) (i) to pay when due any License Rental, (ii) to perform fully any covenant of the License or otherwise fail to comply with any provision of the License Agreement, the Right-of-Way Permit or the By-Law following ten days prior written notice to Licensee from Town (iii) to keep its Certificate of Insurance in full force and effect, or (iv) to provide the service that is outlined in

its Application (except for interruptions in service due to Emergency Repair Work) for a period of six consecutive months.

**DTE:** The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy created by Chapter 25 M.G.L.

**Effective Date:** The date upon which this By-Law becomes effective.

**Emergency Repair Work:** Right-of-Way Work which must be commenced immediately to correct a hazardous condition in which the safety of the public is in imminent danger, such as a threat to life or health of the public or where immediate correction is required to maintain or restore essential Public Utility service.

**Excess Capacity:** The volume or capacity in any Existing Facility that is not being used or is not proposed to be used as part of a concrete plan for the future at the time that an Application is made for a Right-of-Way Permit by an Applicant or Co-Locator.

**Existing Facility:** An Overhead or Underground Facility which is in existence on the date of the Application for a Right-of-Way Permit.

**Facility:** Any Overhead or Underground Facility or Attachment thereto including without limitation any utility or other pipe, duct, line, Pole, wire, cable, Transmission Line, conduit, pedestal, wave guide, dish, antenna, electronic or other thing located or proposed to be located in, on, above, along, under or across a Right-of-Way.

**FCC:** Federal Communications Commission.

**Grandfathered Facility:** An Overhead or Underground Facility in existence on the Effective Date.

**Grant of Location:** Permission granted by the Awarding Authority of the Town to a Public Utility, in order to conduct its Regulated Activities, to locate Poles, piers, abutments or conduits or Attachments thereto or railway routes on, in, above, along, under or across a Public Way in accordance with the procedures set out in M.G.L. Chapter 166 section 22, Chapter 161 section 70, Chapter 162 section 8 and with this By-Law.

**Grant of Location Applicant:** An Applicant or Co-Locator which is a Public Utility conducting a business described in section 21 of Chapter 166 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

**Highway Superintendent:** That individual, appointed or elected in accordance with Chapter 41, sections 1, 66 or 69E of the M.G.L.

**Inspector of Wires:** That individual appointed by the Town to fulfill the responsibilities set out in M.G.L. Chapter 166 section 32.

**License Agreement:** An Agreement between the Town and an Applicant owner of a Facility setting forth detailed contractual terms and obligations of the owner of a Facility and entered into incident to the grant of a Right-of-Way Permit.

**Licensed Contractor:** A Contractor who holds a current and valid Public Works Construction License issued by the Awarding Authority.

**Local Exchange Carrier:** Every person or entity that directly or indirectly owns, controls, operates and manages plant, equipment or property within the Town used or to be used for the purpose of offering telephone service and which is licensed by the FCC and certified by the DTE under C. 159 M.G.L. as a local exchange carrier.

**Measurable Interference:** Interference as defined by FCC Regulations (47 C.F.R.) which affects the Telecommunications Services provided by a Permit Holder.

**Modification:** A material physical change to an Existing Facility such that its use or capacity is materially altered.

**New Facility:** An Overhead or Underground Facility or an Attachment that has not yet been constructed but that is proposed and described in an Application for a Right-of-Way Permit.

**Normal Working Hours:** 7:30am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

**Occupied Area:** The area in square feet to be occupied by an Overhead Facility (including space adjacent to the Facility and rendered practically unusable by others whether because of physical limitations or potential Measurable Interference or otherwise) all as reasonably determined by the Awarding Authority. In the case of Pole lines, for the purposes of computing square feet, the width dimension generally shall be determined with reference to the maximum distance that protuberances such as crossarms, guy wires, etc. extend perpendicularly from the center-line of the Poles. Also included in the license for a Pole and at no additional rental, is the right to penetrate the surface of the Right-of-Way to the depth reasonably necessary to support the Pole.

**Occupied Volume:** The volume measured in cubic feet occupied by an Underground Facility (including space adjacent to the Facility rendered practically unusable by others whether because of physical limitations or potential Measurable Interference or otherwise) all as reasonably determined by the Awarding Authority.

**Overhead Facility:** Any tower, Telecommunication Facility and Pole including Poles and Overhead Wires and Associated Overhead Structures including Attachments located or proposed to be located above the surface of the Right-of-Way including the underground supports and foundations for such facilities.

**Overhead License Rental Payment:** The annual dollar amount to be paid by an Applicant to the Town for using the Right-of-Way for an Overhead Facility.

**Overhead License Rental Rate:** Shall have the meaning subscribed to it and shall be computed annually as set out in Section VIII A of this By-Law.

**Permit Holder:** An Applicant or Co-Locator to whom a Right-of-Way Permit has been granted.

**Permit Term:** The period commencing on the date of filing of an Application and ending upon the earlier to occur of: (i) the expiration of the useful life of the Facility as reasonably determined by the Awarding Authority or (ii) thirty years from the date of Application.



## Planning Board: The Planning Board of the Town of Sharon.

**Pole or Poles and Overhead Wires and Associated Overhead Structures:** poles, towers, supports, wires, conductors, guys, stubs, platforms, crossarms, braces, transformers, insulators, cut-outs, switches, communication circuits, appliances attachments, and appurtenances located above ground, upon, along or across any Public Way or private ways of the Town and used or useful in the transmission of intelligence by electricity or otherwise, or for the transmission of television signals, whether by electricity or otherwise, or for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power, or for the construction or operation of a street railway or an electric railroad; provided, that said phrase shall not mean or include any of the following: poles, towers, overhead wires and associated overhead structures used exclusively in the transmission but not the distribution of electricity; poles used exclusively for police and fire alarm boxes or any similar municipal equipment installed under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the engineer of the municipality; wires (exclusive of supporting structures) crossing any portion of any underground utility district from which overhead wires have been prohibited, or connecting to buildings on the perimeter of such portion, when such wires originate in an area from which poles and overhead wires and associated overhead structures are not prohibited; overhead wires attached to the exterior surface of a building by means of a bracket or other fixture and extending from one location on the same building or to an adjacent building without crossing any public Right-of-Way; radio antennae, their associate equipment and supporting structures used by a utility for furnishing communication services; and service terminals including transformers in pedestals above ground used to distribute electric or communication service in underground systems.

**Pole Attachment:** An Attachment which is a wire or cable for transmission of intelligence by telegraph, telephone or television, including cable television, or for the transmission of electricity for light, heat, or power or for the transmission of Telecommunications Services and any related device, apparatus, appliance or equipment installed upon any Pole or in any telegraph duct or conduit owned or controlled in whole or in part by one or more Public Utility.

**Public Utility:** A gas and electric Company subject to M.G.L. Chapter 164, telephone and telegraph company subject to M.G.L. Chapter 166, cable TV company subject to M.G.L. Chapter 166A, water and aqueduct company subject to M.G.L. Chapter 165, or street railway subject to M.G.L. Chapter 161 or electric railroad subject to M.G.L. Chapter 162.

**Public Utility Use:** The use of a Facility by a Public Utility during the Permit Term in conducting its Regulated Activities but not including any non-Public Utility use by such Public Utility or any use by a non-regulated affiliate of a Public Utility or any other use by any other person or entity.

**Public Way:** Any road (including such appurtenances as berms, curbs, drains, sewers, water mains, sidewalks and paved and unpaved shoulders within the paper lay-out) to which the public has access and that the Town is responsible for maintaining.

**Public Works Construction License:** A license required of all Contractors who are not officers or employees of a Public Utility or of a municipal department who wish to perform Street Opening Work in the Public Ways of the Town.

**Regulated Activities (of Public Utilities):** The transmission of natural gas and electricity by a gas or electric company subject to M.G.L. Chapter 164, the transmission of voice or telegraph messages by a telephone and telegraph company subject to M.G.L. Chapter 166, the transmission

of video broadcasts by television or cable television (including other activities deemed incidental thereto by federal law) subject to M.G.L. Chapter 166A, the provision of street railway services subject to M.G.L. Chapter 161 or transportation by electric railroad subject to M.G.L. Chapter 162.

**Right-of-Way:** The surface and space on, along, above and below any real property which is a Public Way or other way in which the Town has an interest in law or equity, whether held in fee or other estate or interest, or as trustee for the public, including, but not limited to any public street, boulevard, road, highway, freeway, lane, alley, court, sidewalk, parkway, river, tunnel, viaduct, bridge, park, skyway, or skyway bridge.

**Right-of-Way Permit:** A permit granted by the Awarding Authority to an Applicant for permission to construct, to repair and maintain, and to use Overhead and Underground Facilities that it owns and which are located or to be located in the Right-of-Way. Also a Permit granted by the Awarding Authority to a Co-Locator for an Attachment to a New or Existing Facility.

**Right-of-Way Work:** Any construction, repair or maintenance of utility or other pipes, ducts, lines, poles, wires, cables, conduits, pedestals, antennas, dishes, electronics or other thing located in, on, above, under or across a Right-of-Way.

**Street Opening Work:** Any cutting, excavating, compacting, construction, repair or other disturbance in or under a Public Way together with restoration of the Public Way in accordance with the Town's Street Opening By-Law following such disturbance but excluding the location or relocation of utility poles for which a Grant of Location has been obtained pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 166 section 22.

**Telecommunications:** The transmission between or among points specified by the user of information of the user's choosing without change in the form or content of the information as sent and received.

**Telecommunications Carrier:** Every person or entity that directly or indirectly owns, controls, operates or manages plant, equipment or property within the Town used or to be used for the purpose of offering Telecommunications Service and which is licensed by the FCC and certified by the DTE under C. 159 M.G.L. as a Telecommunications common carrier.

**Telecommunications Facility:** A Facility other than customer premises equipment used by a Telecommunications Carrier to provide Telecommunications Service and includes software integral to such equipment (including upgrades), cables, wires, lines, wave guides, electronics, dishes and antennas.

**Telecommunications Service:** The offering of Telecommunications for a fee directly to the public or to such classes of users as to be effectively available directly to the public regardless of the Telecommunications Facilities used.

**The Telecommunications Act of 1996:** Public Law 104-104- Feb. 8, 1996. 110 Stat. 57.

**Town:** The Town of Sharon.



**Transmission Line:** Lines and associated structures used for the transmission of electric energy sold, or to be sold, at wholesale in interstate commerce.

**Underground Facility:** Any pipe, duct, line and conduit and Telecommunications Facility or other thing including Attachments located or proposed to be located under the surface of the ground but excluding the underground foundations or supports for Overhead Facilities.

**Underground License Rental Payment:** The annual dollar amount to be paid by an Applicant for use of the Right-of-Way for an Underground Facility.

**Underground License Rental Rate:** Shall have the meaning subscribed to it and shall be computed annually as set out in Paragraph VIII B of this By-Law.

**Usable Space:** The total usable capacity of any Overhead or Underground Facility located in the Right-of-Way as reasonably determined by the Awarding Authority.

**IV. NECESSITY OF A PERMIT**

No work in, on, under, along, above or across a Right-of-Way or use of a Right-of-Way shall commence until the Applicant and any Co-Locator each shall have applied for and obtained from the Awarding Authority a Right-of-Way Permit. Applicants with Grandfathered Facilities and any Co-Locator with Grandfathered Facilities located in the Right-of-Way shall be deemed to have applied for and been granted a valid Right-of-Way Permit for the Permit Term for such Facilities and to be subject to all of the provisions of the License Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

An Applicant or Co-Locator which wishes to continue to use a Grandfathered Facility after the expiration of the Permit Term each must file an Application and treat such Facility as a New Facility. From and after the Effective Date, Applicant or Co-Locator must also obtain a Right-of-Way Permit for any Modification of or new Attachment to a Grandfathered Facility.

Any Applicant or Co-Locator which is using a Grandfathered Facility for any purpose other than a Public Utility Use must notify the Town of such use of each such facility within 120 days after the Effective Date. Any Applicant or Co-Locator which after the Effective Date wishes to make a use of its Grandfathered Facility which is not a Public Utility Use must, prior to commencing such use, apply for and obtain a Right-of-Way Permit for such non-Public Utility Use.

Traffic lights, fire hydrants, mail boxes and intrusions in the Right-of-Way that are accessory uses to the primary use of the property such as awnings, balconies, over-hanging signs and sidewalk cafes are exempted from this By-Law.

Prior to the Town accepting a private way as a Public Way, such Applicant with a Facility located in, on, under or across the private way and each Co-Locator using such Facility including a Co-Locator Public Utility shall apply for and obtain a Right-of-Way Permit from the Awarding Authority.

A Public Utility that is petitioning for a Grant of Location in accordance with Ch. 166 section 22, Ch. 161 section 70, or Ch. 162 section 8 of the M.G.L.as part of its Application for a Right-of-



Way Permit shall so indicate on the Application. A Right-of-Way Permit granted to a Public Utility for a Facility to the extent of Public Utility Use shall constitute a Grant of Location as well.

No Right-of-Way Permit shall be granted unless Applicant demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the Awarding Authority that sufficient Existing Capacity remains in Existing Facilities to accommodate an Attachment or that Applicant will construct New Facilities in accordance with the requirements of this By-Law. Except for Transmission Lines, in the event that all of the Usable Space of Existing Overhead Facilities has been used up, the Town may in its reasonable discretion require that the Applicant construct New Underground Facilities.

All construction work contemplated by this By-Law shall be done in a good and workmanlike manner using best engineering and construction practices and shall be done in accordance with (i) all applicable laws and regulations, (ii) all of the provisions of this By-Law, (iii) any conditions contained in the Right-of-Way Permit, and (iv) such reasonable supplemental instructions not inconsistent with the foregoing as the Awarding Authority or its authorized representative may from time to time issue. Work that involves Street Opening Work must comply with the Town's Street Opening By-Law.

No person or entity may perform any work in or under a Right-of-Way unless it is a Permit Holder and (i) is a municipal department, Public Utility, Telecommunications Carrier or Local Exchange Carrier or their respective officers or employees or (ii) has engaged a Licensed Contractor and such holder performs all such Right-of-Way Work as agent of Permit-Holder.

## **V. REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICATION**

### **A. Information Required of All Applicants and Co-Locators**

Applicants or Co-Locators seeking a Right-of-Way Permit shall file on forms designated by the Awarding Authority a completed and signed Application at the office of the Awarding Authority which shall include the following information:

1. The identity and legal status of the Applicant or Co-Locator including any parent or affiliated corporation.
2. The address and telephone number of the corporation and the name of the officer, agent or employee responsible for the accuracy of the Application.
3. If a Public Utility (or municipal department), the federal identification number of the entity. All others must in addition specify their FCC license number and submit evidence of certification by the DTE.
4. A general description of Applicant's Existing Overhead or Underground Facilities within the Town that it is using to provide service and the service that it is currently providing.
5. A detailed description of the service that Applicant or Co-Locator intends to offer or provide to persons, firms, businesses or institutions within the Town and whether the use of the Facility to provide the service will constitute a Public Utility Use.
6. A detailed description of the Underground or Overhead Facilities Applicant or Co-Locator intends to use or construct, their useful life and full dimensions of the proposed Facility including but not limited to the following: height of Poles, number of wires and their diameter, height of wires above the Right-of-Way, voltage of electric transmission lines, diameter of mains and conduits.

7. Maps or plans showing the exact location of the Existing or proposed New Facility in the Right-of-Way using engineering metes and bounds, street names and intersecting street names. Show a north arrow.
8. A statement as to whether New Facilities Will be built or Existing Facilities will be used and who is the Applicant with respect to such Facility.
9. In the case of a Co-Locator seeking a Permit for an Attachment to a Facility, the Applicant of which is exempt in whole or part from the obligation to make Annual License Rental Payment for the Facility as provided herein, such application shall be made jointly by Applicant and Co-Locator. Each must sign the application and Applicant must acknowledge in a writing in form and substance satisfactory to the Town, its obligation to pay the amount, if any, of Annual License Rental Payment due the Town in respect of such Attachment.
10. The names of Co-Locators who share or will share the Facility. Applicants must provide evidence that Co-Locators have received their own Right-of-Way Permit and identify all pending Co-Locator Applications.
11. Evidence that Applicant or Co-Locator has obtained all other governmental approvals and permits needed to use Existing Facilities and to offer or provide services.

## **B. Petitions for Grants of Location**

Applicants or Co-Locators that are Public Utilities and that are seeking a Grant of Location as part of the Right-of-Way Permit shall also provide the following information as part of the application:

1. A statement as to the demonstrated need to construct the New Facility or make an Attachment to an Existing Facility.
2. A list of abutters' names and addresses.
3. The kind, size and tested strength of supporting or service wires for Poles.
4. The maximum voltage that will be transmitted over wires and the maximum cubic feet of gas that will be transported through mains.
5. The size and pressure of gas mains and what the main is made of.
6. A list of all posts, Poles or other supports of wires included in the Grant of Location.
7. The number of cross arms in use with each Pole and the number of wires that are already attached thereto and the number of wires that are proposed.
8. The location of conduits and manholes in relation to the Existing Underground Facilities and proposed New Underground Facilities.

## **C. Applications for New Facilities must Submit Additional Information.**

If New Facilities are to be constructed, Applicant must submit the following additional information as part of the Application:

1. Preliminary engineering plans, specifications and a Site Plan of the facilities to be located within the Right-of-Way at a scale of one inch equals forty (40) feet which shall show (i) all property lines, (ii) the exact location of the proposed New Facilities, and (iii) Existing Facilities, streets, landscape features, residential dwellings, and all buildings located within five hundred feet (500') of the New Facility prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer or other qualified professional.



2. A network map showing the location and route of the New Facilities superimposed on the Public Ways of the Town on a scale of one inch equals one hundred feet (100') prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer or other qualified professional.
3. The location of all Existing Facilities located along the proposed route.
4. The specific trees, structures, improvements, facilities and obstructions, if any, that Applicant proposes to temporarily or permanently remove or relocate.
5. Evidence as to what, if any, Excess Capacity is available for Attachments to Existing Facilities located along the proposed route with a specification of how much Excess Capacity will exist after the installation of the New Facility. If co-location is not proposed, an affidavit attesting to the fact that Applicant made diligent but unsuccessful efforts to obtain permission to install or co-locate New Facilities on Existing Facilities, the reason for the denial of co-location and whether an appeal to the DTE has been adjudicated.
6. If New Facilities are to be constructed, the Excess Capacity that will exist in or on them after their installation and use by the Applicant and any identified Co-Locator.
7. The useful life of the Proposed Facility or Attachment.
8. Information as to the type and frequency of any Telecommunications Equipment that will be installed.
9. A preliminary construction schedule and completion date.
10. Financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles demonstrating Applicant's financial ability to construct, operate, maintain, relocate and remove the proposed Facilities.
11. Information in sufficient detail to establish Applicant's technical qualifications, experience and expertise regarding the Facilities to be constructed and operated.
12. Evidence that Applicant has obtained all other governmental approvals and permits needed to construct the New Facilities.
13. The name of the Licensed Contractor who will perform the construction work or a copy of the Public Works Construction License that Applicant has obtained from the Town.
14. An Application Fee.
15. A Certificate of Insurance in coverages as specified in Section VII-J of this By-Law.
16. Such other and further information as may be reasonably required by the Awarding Authority.

## **VI. APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Upon receipt of a completed and signed Application, it will be forwarded to the Highway Superintendent, Planning Board and the Inspector of Wires for review. The Highway Superintendent, Planning Board and Inspector of Wires shall promptly review the Application and make written recommendations concerning approval to the Awarding Authority and, if appropriate, shall include recommendations concerning permit conditions and supplemental instructions.

If the Application involves the construction of New Facilities, the modification of Existing Facilities or a program of Attachments the total construction cost of any of the foregoing is estimated to exceed one million dollars, the Town may require the Applicant to enter into an agreement with the Town to reimburse the Town for the reasonable cost of engineering review by the Town's consultant of the plans submitted. Applicants shall submit a deposit to secure the cost of this review which will be held in a segregated account in accordance with C. 44 section 53G of the Mass. General Laws.



If the Right-of-Way Application includes a Petition of the Applicant for a Grant of Location, the Awarding Authority shall promptly schedule a public hearing and, if required by statute, publish a public notice of the hearing. Owners of property abutting the property on which the New Facility is proposed will be notified by the Town at least fourteen days prior to the public hearing and given the opportunity to speak at the public hearing and present evidence.

The Awarding Authority shall review the Application, any evidence presented at a Grant of Location public hearing, and the recommendations received from the Highway Superintendent, Planning Board and Inspector of Wires and make a prompt determination on the Application taking into account the recommendations received, testimony and evidence presented if any, and such other facts as it may reasonably consider such as:

- a. The likelihood that the New Facility will incommode the public use of public ways or endanger or interrupt navigation.
- b. The financial and technical ability of the Applicant or Co-Locator to construct New Facilities or to use the Right-of-Way.
- c. The capacity of the Right-of-Way to accommodate the proposed New Facilities, modifications or Attachments.
- d. The capacity of the Right-of-Way to accommodate additional New Facilities if the Permit is granted.
- e. Potential damage or disruption (including Measurable Interference with Telecommunications Services) to Existing Facilities, or public property if the Permit is granted.
- f. The effect, if any, on public health, safety and welfare if the Permit is granted.
- g. The availability of alternate routes and/or locations for the proposed New Facilities.
- h. Applicable federal and state laws and Town by-laws which might prohibit or affect the Permit if granted.

If the Application is considered favorably, a Right-of-Way Permit containing such conditions and supplemental instructions as the Awarding Authority reasonably deems appropriate shall promptly issue upon the satisfaction of any conditions precedent which the Awarding Authority may establish. If the Application is not favorably considered, the Awarding Authority shall communicate in writing to Applicant or Co-Locator the reasons its Application was not favorably considered.

If a Grant of Location has been requested as part of the Application for a Right-of-Way Permit and the Application has been considered favorably, the Right-of-Way Permit shall also constitute an Order Granting the Location. The Grant of Location will specify where the New Facility or Attachment may be placed, and (with the exception of Grants of Location for Transmission Lines) the kind of Poles, piers or abutments which may be used, the number of wires or cables which may be attached thereto, the height to which the wires or cables may run and the maximum voltage between conductors to be carried through same. Grants of Locations for Poles are limited to one Pole per Location. The Grant of Location may contain such other conditions and supplemental instructions as the Awarding Authority reasonably deems appropriate.

## **VII. TERMS OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT**

### **A. Conditions of Permit.**

All Right-of-Way Permits granted are conditioned upon 1) the Applicant having obtained and submitted to the Awarding Authority, prior to construction and installation of its New Facilities, a Bond as required in sub-section (K)(2) hereafter, 2) Permit Holder's Agreement to make any Excess Capacity of its Facility available to other Applicants on commercially practical and technically feasible terms, 3) to the extent feasible and subject to reasonable availability and agreement between a Telecommunications Carrier and the Town concerning price, maintenance, access and security, interconnection of the New Telecommunications Facility with public buildings and 4) the execution and delivery of a Town of Sharon Right-of-Way License Agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto and otherwise in form and substance satisfactory to the Awarding Authority.

## **B. Permit Term**

Rights-of-Way Permits shall be valid for the period commencing on the date of filing of an Application and ending upon the earlier to occur of: (i) the expiration of the useful life of the Facility as reasonably determined by the Awarding Authority or (ii) thirty years from the date of the Application. A Permit Holder desiring to continue to use the Facility after the expiration of the Permit Term shall not more than 180 days nor less than 90 days before expiration of the current Permit file an Application with the Town for a Permit as though the Existing Facility were a proposed New Facility. Each Co-Locator must also file for a new Permit.

## **C. Revocation of Permits.**

Except to the extent that a Right-of-Way Permit also constitutes a statutory Grant of Location and current law limits the ability of the Awarding Authority to revoke a Grant of Location, the Awarding Authority during the Permit Term may revoke a Right-of-Way Permit granted hereunder after notice and hearing if it shall reasonably determine that (i) Permit Holder is in Default (ii) Permit Holder fails to construct the Facilities for which a Permit was granted within six months of the granting of the Permit (iii) Permit Holder has failed to relocate its Facility or Attachment to a new location within the designated time following an order from the Awarding Authority to relocate such Facility or Attachment or (iv) if the Awarding Authority determines that public necessity and convenience requires the revocation of a Grant of Location held by a street railway. The Permit-Holder shall be given not less than ten days prior written notice of the time and place of the hearing on revocation and shall have the opportunity at the public hearing to present evidence.

## **D. Removal of Facilities.**

Following revocation of the Permit or the expiration of the Permit Term without an application to continue to use the Facility unless then existing statutes shall require a different result and, if ordered by the Town, Permit Holder shall cease using the Right-of-Way. Permit Holder shall remove all of its Overhead and Underground Facilities from the Right-of-Way and restore the area to its original condition within six months following expiration or revocation of the Permit. In the event that the Permit Holder fails to remove its Facilities, the Awarding Authority may treat such as abandoned property and, among other remedies, remove the Facilities and restore the area at the owner's sole cost and expense.



## **E. Removal of Unauthorized Facilities.**

With the exception of Permits held by municipal departments and permits held by Public Utilities, within thirty days following written notice from the Town, any person or entity that owns, controls or maintains any Overhead or Underground Facilities located within the Right-of-Way for which a Permit has not been obtained and which is not a Grandfathered Facility shall apply for a Permit and may request a hearing before the Awarding Authority and shall have the opportunity at the hearing to present evidence. If the Application for a Permit is denied, Applicant shall, at its own expense, remove such Facilities from the Right-of-Way and restore the area to its original condition within six months of the date of the denial of the Permit.

In the event that the Applicant fails to remove its Facilities, the Awarding Authority may treat such as abandoned property and, among other remedies, remove the Facility and restore the area at owner's sole cost and expense.

## **F. Re-Location of Facilities due to Public Necessity**

The location of any Overhead or Underground Facility covered by a Right-of-Way Permit may be changed by order of the Awarding Authority if it determines in its reasonable discretion that public necessity requires relocation of the Facility. Except for Emergency Repair Work, Applicant is required to notify all Co-Locators upon receiving an order to relocate the Facility from the Awarding Authority. Applicant and all Co-Locators shall, at their own expense, relocate their Facilities to such location as shall have been approved by the Awarding Authority within ninety days of the receipt of the order of the Awarding Authority. Upon relocation Applicant shall promptly supply Awarding Authority with "as built" plans of the relocated Facility. Following the transfer of the Facility and any Attachments from the Existing Facility to the New Facility, the Existing Facility shall be removed from the site within ninety days from the date of the completion of the transfer.

Unless directly and proximately caused by the wilful, intentional or malicious acts by the Town, the Town shall not be liable for any damage to or loss of any Overhead or Underground Facility located in the Right-of-Way as a result of or in connection with any public works, public improvements, construction, excavation, grading, filling or work of any kind in the Right-of-Way by or on behalf of the Town. Rights-of-Way Permits and Grants of Location for Facilities that have been ordered to be relocated will be amended to reflect the new location once the Facilities have been re-located.

## **G. Assignment of Facilities**

Except in connection with a transaction to which Section 15B of Chapter 166 of the Massachusetts General Laws applies, a Right-of Way Permit is not assignable. If a Permit-Holders transfers ownership or use of its Facilities to another entity, such entity must apply for and receive its own Permit in accordance with this By-Law.

## **H. Non-exclusive grant**

No Permit granted under this By-Law shall confer an exclusive right, privilege, license or franchise to occupy or use the Right-of-Way of the Town for delivery of services or any other purposes. No Permit granted under this By-Law shall convey any right, title or interest in the



Right-of-Way but shall be deemed a license to use and occupy the Right-of-Way in accordance with the terms of this By-Law and the Town of Sharon Right-of-Way License Agreement. Further, no Permit shall be construed as a warranty of title. A Permit granted shall be limited to a license to use only that specific portion of a Right-of-Way as specified in the Plan that accompanies the Application and in any Permit or License Agreement.

## **I. Co-Location of Facilities**

Issuance of a Right-of-Way Permit is conditioned upon the agreement of the Applicant to make Excess Capacity available to other Co-Locators on commercially practical and technically feasible terms. All New Facilities for which a Right-of-Way Permit has been issued shall be constructed, installed and located in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. Attachments shall be installed within Existing Underground or Overhead Facilities whenever Excess Capacity exists within such Existing Facility.
2. Whenever Existing Facilities have been required by the Town to be located Underground within a Right-of-Way, no Permit will be granted for an Overhead Facility.
3. Whenever any Existing Facility is required by the Town for reasons of public necessity to be relocated, each Applicant owner shall relocate its Facilities within a reasonable period of time and all Co-Locators who share the Facility shall, absent extraordinary circumstances or undue hardship as determined by the Awarding Authority, also relocate their Attachments concurrently to minimize the disruption of the Right-of-Way.
4. Whenever New Underground Facilities must be constructed because the Excess Capacity of Existing Facilities has been exhausted, Applicant shall anticipate its needs for at least thirty years and is encouraged to construct New Underground Facilities sufficient to meet its needs for this time period as well as provide Excess Capacity to Co-Locators on commercially practical and technically feasible terms.
5. The Town reserves the right to place, free of charge, signal circuits, signal supply circuits and the equipment attached to these circuits belonging to the Town and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes on or in all Existing Facilities with Excess Capacity and on or in New Facilities then owned or controlled by an Applicant which is a Public Utility and shall be allowed access whenever necessary to place, maintain or remove its wires and cables.

## **J. Insurance**

The Permit Holder shall acquire and continuously maintain while it possesses a Right-of-Way Permit liability insurance coverage on all personnel and equipment used to construct, operate, maintain and repair the Overhead and Underground Facilities located within the Right-of-Way. This insurance must be with insurance companies licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall contain the following coverages and be in the following minimum amounts:

Commercial General Liability Insurance- including operation, independent contractors, complete operations for a period of one (1) year from completing the Right-of-Way Work, XCU hazards, boad form property damage and persoaol injury.

General Aggregate:	\$ 2,000,000.00
Products and complete operations	
Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000.00
Each occurrence	\$ 1,000,000.00
Combined single limit	\$ 1,000,000.00

Automobile Liability Insurance (covers owned, non-owned and hired vehicles)	
Bodily Injury Liability	\$ 500,000.00 each person
	\$ 1,000,000.00 each accident
Property Damage Liability	\$ 250,000.00 each accident
Combined Single Limit	\$ 1,000,000.00

Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability	
Each Accident	\$ 100,000.00
Disease- Policy Limit	\$ 500,000.00
Disease- each Employee	\$ 100,000.00

Certificates of Insurance shall provide for at least thirty (30) days notice to the Awarding Authority of cancellation or material change. The name of the municipality shall be listed as an additional insured on the Certificate of Insurance.

### K. Construction Requirements

1. All Permit Holders are required to obtain a Building and Electrical Permit (if applicable), and (except for Poles and Attachments thereto) a Street Opening Permit from the Awarding Authority. Once commenced, construction shall proceed at an uninterrupted and consistent pace so that the Right-of-Way Work described in the Permit will be completed within a reasonable time.
2. Before commencing construction, Permit Holders shall submit to the Awarding Authority a Performance Bond, with corporate surety satisfactory to the Awarding Authority, in an amount equal to the value of the construction which shall assure:
  - a. the satisfactory completion of installation and commencement of operation of the system in accordance with the terms of the Permit,
  - b. the indemnity of the Town from and against any and all claims for injury or damage to persons or property, both real and personal, caused by the construction, and installation of the Facilities authorized pursuant to the Permit,
  - c. the satisfactory restoration of adjoining property and public property in accordance with the provisions of this By-Law.

This bond shall be maintained in force until one year after the completion of the construction work.

3. Construction of New Facilities must conform to the plan accompanying the Application and to the terms of the Permit and License Agreement. All Right-of-Way Work must conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Architectural Access Board Regulations as currently in effect.

4. Right-of-Way Work shall comply with the following:

- a. Working Hours. Except for Emergency Repair Work, Right-of-Way Work shall occur during Normal Working Hours. Permit Holder must give notice of the intended Right-of-Way Work seventy-two hours in advance to the Highway Superintendent and unless the requirement for a police detail is waived by the Police Chief of the Town, must arrange for and pay for a police detail to be present throughout the period of time that the Right-of-Way Work is being conducted.
- b. Obligation to Locate Existing Facilities. Permit Holder or Contractor must inform itself as to the existence and location of all Existing Facilities located in the same general area as the New Facilities are to be located and must confer with the owners thereof in order to obtain information as to the vertical and horizontal locations of the Facilities and other conditions that might affect the Right-of-Way Work.
- c. Non-Interference with Existing Facilities. Permit Holder or Contractor shall not interfere with an Existing Facility without the written consent of the Awarding Authority and the owner of the Existing Facility. If it becomes necessary to relocate an Existing Facility to accommodate the New Facility, this shall be done by its owner and the cost of such work shall be borne by the Permit Holder.
- d. Dig Safe. Permit Holder shall, in accordance with Chapter 164 section 76D of the M.G.L., notify all Public Utilities seventy-two hours in advance of making any excavation in a Public Way. Such notification shall be made by means of obtaining a DIG-SAFE number. Said number shall be provided on the Street Opening Application.
- e. Protection of Existing Facilities. Permit Holder or Contractor shall adequately support and protect by timbers, sheeting etc. all Existing Overhead or Underground Facilities which may be in any way affected by the Right-of-Way Work and shall do everything necessary to support, sustain and protect them under, over, along or across such work area. Excavation work shall be performed and conducted in such manner that it shall not interfere with access to fire stations, fire hydrants, water gates, underground vaults, catch basins or any other public structure.
- f. Adjoining Property. Permit Holder or Contractor shall, at all times at its own expense, preserve and protect from injury any adjoining property and shall take such precautions as may be necessary for this purpose. Permit Holder shall be responsible for all damages to public or private property or streets resulting from its failure to properly protect and carry out the Right-of-Way Work.
- g. Trees. Permit Holder or Contractor shall not remove, even temporarily, any trees or shrubs which exist in the Right-of-Way Work area without first obtaining the consent of the Town. In the event a tree is either accidentally destroyed by the Permit Holder or Contractor or is authorized for removal by the Town, Permit Holder or Contractor shall remove the tree, stump and debris from the work site



and replace the tree with an identical species with a minimum caliper of two inches in the identical location.

- h. **Excavated Material.** Permit Holder or Contractor shall remove all excess excavated material, surplus water, muck, silt, residue or other run-off pumped or removed from excavations from the Right-of-Way Work site.
- i. **Temporary Repairs of Underground Facilities.** At the end of each day, all trenches must be plated if repair work is not completed. No un-plated trenches are permitted overnight and work in plated trenches must be continually prosecuted to completion to minimize the time trenches are plated.
- j. **Noise.** Permit Holder or Contractor shall perform the Right-of-Way Work in such a manner as to avoid unnecessary inconvenience and annoyance to the general public and occupants of neighboring property. During the hours from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Permit Holder or Contractor shall not use, unless otherwise specifically permitted by the Awarding Authority any tool, appliance or equipment producing noise of sufficient volume to disturb the sleep or repose of occupants of the neighboring property.
- k. **Debris and Litter.** All debris and litter remaining from the Right-of-Way Work site shall be removed by the Permit Holder or Contractor in a timely manner.
- l. **Lawn Surfaces and Plantings.** All lawn surfaces which are disturbed during Right-of-Way Work shall be replaced with sod or six (6) inches of screened loam, lime, fertilized and re-seeded with good quality lawn seed. Any areas containing plantings shall be restored to their original condition with the same or similar plantings.
- m. **Erosion Control.** Permit Holder shall be responsible for all erosion control and for obtaining any necessary permits from the Town. Permit Holder or Contractor shall protect drainage structures from siltation by whatever means required including but not limited to the installation of hay bales and/or filter fabric. In the event that a drainage structure becomes damaged from siltation as a result of the Right-of-Way Work, Permit Holder or Contractor shall clean the structure before completing the Right-of-Way Work.
- n. **As Built Plans.** Within 30 days following completion of construction of New Facilities, Permit Holder shall file with the Awarding Authority complete As-Built Plans of the New Facilities including an accurate map certifying the location of all Facilities within the Right-of-Way prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer or other qualified professional.
- o. **Tree trimming.** Permit Holders who own and maintain Overhead Facilities are responsible for trimming trees or other vegetation growing in the Right-of-Way to prevent their branches or leaves from touching or otherwise interfering with the Overhead Facility. All trimming or pruning shall be at the sole expense of the Permit Holder and performed under the supervision of the Town.

## **L. Emergency Repair Work**

When notified by the Town, Permit Holder is required to respond to calls for Emergency Repair Work within two hours of the notice and to commence repairs immediately upon arrival at the site.

## **M. Maintenance.**

Permit Holder shall at all times employ ordinary and reasonable care and shall install and maintain in use nothing less than commonly accepted methods and devices for preventing failures of Overhead or Underground Facilities and accidents which are likely to cause damage, injuries or nuisances to the public. Owners of Poles shall, upon the receipt of written notice served by the Inspector of Wires, promptly make such substitution or repairs of such Poles, wires, posts, supports or attachments as may be required by the Inspector of Wires.

## **VIII. Rental Payments**

Each Applicant holding a Right-of-Way Permit for a Facility, except to the extent exempt as provided in paragraph (C) hereafter, shall make an annual License Rental Payment to the Town for the non-exclusive right to use certain Rights-of-Way in the Town of Sharon.

Annual License Rental Payments shall be computed as set out in paragraphs (A) and (B) hereafter.

### **A. Overhead License Rental Payments**

1. The Overhead License Rental Payment for each Overhead Facility shall be computed by multiplying the Occupied Area of the Facility by the applicable Overhead License Rental Rate.
2. The Occupied Area of an Overhead Facility shall be determined in the reasonable discretion of the Awarding Authority.
3. The Overhead License Rental Rate shall be determined annually by the Awarding Authority within sixty days of the commencement of each fiscal year utilizing assessment data for the fiscal year just ended. The Rate for the fiscal year in which an Application is filed (or the year of the Effective Date in the case of Grandfathered Facilities) shall be the applicable Rate for the entire Permit Term.
4. An annual Overhead License Rate shall be calculated by:
  - (a) determining the assessed value of all taxable land in the Town for the previous fiscal year, and
  - (b) dividing the amount obtained in (a) by the total number of acres of land in Town subject to tax in that fiscal year and by expressing this quotient on a dollar per square foot basis (this represents a reasonable method to derive the value of the Town's investment in its Rights-of-Way) and
  - (c) determining in the reasonable judgment of the Awarding Authority the Town's

cost of long-term capital and a reasonable capital amortization term. The combination of these two items shall be expressed as an amortization constant. (This constant represents the Town's reasonable judgment of the term over which the Town should recover its investment in its Rights-of-Way and a reasonable return on such investment) and

- (d) multiplying the quotient obtained in (b) above by the constant determined in (c) and by expressing this product in dollars per square foot.

## **B. Underground License Rental Payment**

1. The Underground License Rental Payment for each Underground facility shall be computed by multiplying the Occupied Volume of the Facility by the applicable Underground License Rental Rate.
2. The Occupied Volume of an Underground Facility shall be determined in the reasonable discretion of the Awarding Authority.
3. The Underground License Rental Rate shall be determined annually by the Awarding Authority within sixty days of the commencement of each fiscal year utilizing assessment data for the fiscal year just ended. The Rate for the fiscal year in which an Application is filed (or the year of the Effective Date in the case of Grandfathered Facilities) shall be the applicable Rate for the entire Permit Term.
4. An annual Underground License Rate shall be calculated by dividing the product obtained from the calculation described in Paragraph A (4) (d) above by the useable depth of the Rights-of-Way in the Town of Sharon as reasonably determined by the Awarding Authority and expressing the quotient so obtained in dollars per cubic foot.

## **C. Exemption from Rental Payments**

Applicants utilizing Facilities (which includes use by Co-Locators) on the terms described below shall be exempt from the payment of Underground or Overhead License Rental Payments during the periods described as follows:

1. Applicants which are municipal departments to the extent that such Facilities are used only for municipal purposes are exempt from the payment of Rental Payments hereunder.
2. Applicants with Grandfathered Facilities shall be exempt from the payment of Rental Payments to the extent of the type and extent of the uses being made of such Grandfathered Facilities as of the Effective Date and during the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the expiration or earlier termination of the Permit Term.
3. Applicants with Grandfathered Facilities which after the Effective Date propose to make uses of them, or allow Co-Locators to make uses of them which are not Public Utility Uses, shall have the exemption described in sub-paragraph (2) above reduced pro- tanto as reasonably determined by the Awarding Authority and shall forthwith begin paying a pro-tanto portion of the annual Rental Payment for the use of the Facility no longer subject to exemption. The Rental Payment



shall be calculated as described above and the calculation shall utilize the fiscal year in which the Application for non-exempt use is made. The pro-tanto non-exempt portion of the annual Rental Payment shall be reasonably determined by the Awarding Authority by comparing the portion of the Occupied Area or Occupied Volume subject to non-exempt use to the total Occupied Area or Occupied Volume use being made of the Facility. Evidence of well-established uniform practices evidenced by written policies or procedures of Applicants in establishing Pole Attachment fees or other similar charges to Co-Locators or in allocating costs among affiliates shall be considered as prima facie evidence in determining reasonable allocation by the Awarding Authority.

4. Applicants with New and Existing Facilities which after the Effective Date propose to make Public Utility Use or allow Co-Locators to make Public Utility Use of a Facility shall be pro-tanto exempt during the Permit Term from the payment of the appropriate annual Rental Payment otherwise payable with respect to such Facility to the extent of its Public Utility Use determined as set out in sub-paragraph (3) above.

5. The routine replacement of a portion of a Facility or a minor adjustment of the location of part of a Facility (such as the replacement or relocation of a Pole or replacement of wires or cables) in situations where the use and capacity remain unchanged in some circumstances may require an Applicant or Co-Locator to file an Application for a Right-of-Way Permit but in such situations the exempt status of the Facility shall not be affected.

6. All exemptions except those for municipal departments shall end upon the end of the initial Permit Term, but in no event later than thirty years from the Effective Date unless then applicable law shall require a continuation of the exemption.

## **IX. APPEALS**

A person or entity aggrieved by a decision of the Awarding Authority under this By-Law may appeal such decision to the appropriate court of competent jurisdiction or, to the extent applicable law provides, to the DTE or the FCC.

## **X. SEVERABILITY**

If any clause, section, or other part of this By-Law shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this By-Law shall not be affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

**VOTED:** That the meeting adjourn at 11:00 P.M. or at the completion of action under the Article then under discussion and to reconvene on Tuesday evening, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2000 at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 8:00 P.M..

**MOTION:** To reconsider vote on Article 27. **NOT CARRIED.**

**ARTICLE 29.**

**VOTED:** That action under Article 29 be indefinitely postponed. (This article referred to Section 4300, of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Flexible Development.)

**ARTICLE 30.**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend Section 4342 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Other Requirements for Multifamily Development, by deleting subsection (e) in its entirety and adding in its place the following new subsection (e):

(e) There shall be no more than two (2) floors of habitable space within a dwelling unit, provided, however, the number of habitable floors may be increased to allow a third floor of habitable space if each of the following conditions are met:

- (i) The third floor of habitable space shall be used only for a den, office, exercise room, hobby room, library, storage room, or other similar use;
- (ii) No more than two (2) rooms in the dwelling unit, including the third floor of habitable space, shall be used as bedrooms. For purpose(s) of this section, use of a room for a majority of the days in any six (6) month period for sleeping accommodations shall constitute the use of such rooms as a bedroom;
- (iii) The unit owner and the Homeowners' Association, if any, shall enter into a written agreement as provided below in subsection (vi) hereof. Said Agreement shall permit the Association, if any, and the Building Inspector to enter the dwelling unit to monitor compliance with the provisions of this section as a condition for allowing the continued maintenance and use of said third floor of habitable space. Said Agreement shall be enforceable by the Building Inspector and/or the Homeowners' Association;
- (iv) The Building Inspector shall not permit the use of said third floor of habitable space without proof that said agreement has been recorded at the Registry of Deeds;
- (v) The unit owner and all subsequent unit owners shall provide in any subsequent deed or other conveyance of the dwelling unit notice of the provisions of this section;
- (vi) The Planning Board, following a public hearing, shall adopt the form of an agreement suitable for filing at the Registry of Deeds setting forth the requirements of this by-law for execution by each homeowner and the specified Homeowners' Association seeking to make use of this by-law. Said agreement must contain a requirement that the aforesaid unit owner shall deliver a Registry Certified copy of the fully executed duly recorded agreement to the Building Inspector and the Condominium Association certifying under penalties of perjury as to conformity with Section 4342(e).

Votes in the affirmative 63. Votes in the negative 28. A standing vote.

**ARTICLE 31.**

**VOTED:** That action under Article 31 be indefinitely postponed. (This article referred to Section 4342 Subsection e. of the Zoning By-laws.)

**ARTICLE 32.**

**VOTED:** That action under Article 32 be indefinitely postponed. (This article referred to Section 4342 Subsection e. of the Zoning By-laws.)

**MOTION:** To reconsider Article 30. **NOT CARRIED.**

**ARTICLE 33.**

**VOTED:** That action under Article 33 be indefinitely postponed. (This article proposed amending Zoning By-laws by removing premises from Light Industrial Zoning District and placing in Rural 1 Zoning District, as defined in zoning By-laws Zoning Map.)

**ARTICLE 34.**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Sharon as follows:

By removing the following from a General Residence District and establishing the same as a Business District "A":

The parcel of land upon which is presently located the Town Hall and Fire Station, identified more particularly on Sharon Assessor's Map 91, Lot 76 and in a deed from Joel P. Hewins to the Town of Sharon dated February 20, 1883 and recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 544, at Page 339.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 20. Votes in the negative 2. A standing vote.

**ARTICLE 35.**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Town amend Section 6330 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Site Plan Approval in Business A & C Districts, by adding the words "reconstruction" to the by-law so that revised Section 6330 shall read as follows:

Project Requiring Low Impact Site Plan Approval: Unless a site plan has been endorsed by the Planning Board, no building permit shall be issued in the Business A or the Business C District for:



- (a) The construction, reconstruction, addition, exterior alteration, or change in use of any structure, other than a single or two family dwelling, for uses permitted by right or by special permit as identified in Section 2323, or
- (b) The construction, reconstruction, addition, exterior alteration, or change in use of any structure for uses permitted by special permit as identified in Section 2326.

The Planning Board will establish a two tier review process. In the opinion of the Planning Board, projects which meet a check list of criteria adopted by the Planning Board in its rules and regulations as part of the "Design Guidelines for Town Center Business District" shall be approved within 21 days and referred to the Building Department. In the opinion of the Planning Board, projects which do not meet this check list will be reviewed and a decision filed within 45 days of the determination that further review is required. Such guidelines may be adopted and/or amended from time to time by the Planning Board and are incorporated in this bylaw by reference. Any project including new construction, reconstruction, addition, exterior alteration or change in use that requires 20 or more parking spaces on one lot or in one shared parking area shall be subject to the extended review process as set forth above and in Section 6334. Any project including new construction, reconstruction, addition, exterior alteration or change in use that requires less than 20 parking spaces on one lot or in one shared parking area shall be subject only to the 21-day review process.

Any alterations or improvements generated in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act shall be exempt.

## **THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:00 P.M.**

Attendance: 677

### **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**MAY 8, 2000**

The Annual Town Meeting of May 8, 2000 was adjourned at 11:00 P.M. to reconvene at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium on Pond Street on Tuesday, May 9, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Annual Town Warrant of 2000.

Attest:

Marlene B. Chused  
Sharon Town Clerk

**MAY 9, 2000**

This is to certify that I have posted a copy of the above notice in accordance with Town By-Laws.

Joseph S. Bernstein,  
Constable  
Sharon, Massachusetts

## **ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**MAY 9, 2000**

**VOTED:** To reconsider the votes under Article 5 for the Data Processing budget and the Sealer of Weights and Measures budget.

### **ARTICLE 5.**

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$155,653 for the Data Processing budget.

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,980. for the Sealer of Weights and Measures budget.

### **ARTICLE 36.**

**VOTED:** That action under Article 36 be indefinitely postponed. (This article proposed amending Section 2326 of the Zoning By-laws.)

**VOTED:** To take up Article 38.

### **ARTICLE 38.**

**MOVED:** That the Town amend the definition of "Natural Vegetation Area" in Article V of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Definitions, by adding the following words: "and no underground piped irrigation systems allowed: so that the definition for "Natural Vegetation Area" will now read in its entirety:

Land having a well established cover of thatch, mulch or leaves characterized by a prevalence of native plants requiring minimal use of fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides and no underground piped irrigation systems allowed.

**NOT CARRIED.** Votes in the affirmative 31. Votes in the negative 23. A standing vote.

### **ARTICLE 37.**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend Section 2400 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Dimensional Regulations, by amending Section 2423, Coverage Limits in Rural and Suburban 2 Districts, by changing the amount of minimum natural vegetation area from forty (40%) percent to fifty (50%) percent, so that the amended third sentence of Section 2423 shall read as follows:

### **2423. Coverage Limits:**

Maximum lot coverage: fifteen (15%) percent.

Maximum area of impervious materials including structures:  
fifteen (15%) percent.

Minimum natural vegetation area: fifty (50%) percent.

Votes in the affirmative 40. Votes in the negative 15. A standing vote.

**MOTION:** To reconsider Article 38. **CARRIED.**

### **ARTICLE 38.**

**MOVED:** That the Town amend the definition of "Natural Vegetation Area" in Article V of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Definitions, by adding the following words: "and no underground piped irrigation systems allowed" so that the definition for "Natural Vegetation Area" will now read in its entirety:

Land having a well established cover of thatch, mulch or leaves characterized by a prevalence of native plants requiring minimal use of fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides and no underground piped irrigation systems allowed.

**MOTION:** To move previous question. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the definition of "Natural Vegetation Area" in Article V of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Definitions, by adding the following words: "and no underground piped irrigation systems allowed" so that the definition for "Natural Vegetation Area" will now read in its entirety:

Land having a well established cover of thatch, mulch or leaves characterized by a prevalence of native plants requiring minimal use of fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides and no underground piped irrigation systems allowed.

Votes in the affirmative 40. Votes in the negative 13. A standing vote.

### **ARTICLE 39.**

**MOTION:** That action under Article 39 be indefinitely postponed. **NOT CARRIED.**  
Votes in the affirmative 15. Votes in the negative 35. A standing vote.

**MOVED:** That the Town amend Section 2465 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Maximum Building Height in Business and Professional Districts, by deleting the existing section in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:



- (a) Residential uses and all uses in the Professional District: to exceed neither three (3) stories nor forty (40') feet;
- (b) All uses allowed in a Business District A: to exceed neither three (3) stories nor forty-two (42') feet;
- (c) Other uses: to exceed neither four (4) stories nor sixty (60') feet.

**VOTED:** That the Town amend Section 2465 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Maximum Building Height in Business and Professional Districts, by deleting the existing section in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

- (a) Residential uses and all uses in the Professional District: to exceed neither three (3) stories nor forty (40') feet;
- (b) All uses allowed in a Business District A: to exceed neither three (3) stories nor forty-two (42') feet;
- (c) Other uses: to exceed neither four (4) stories nor sixty (60') feet.

Votes in the affirmative 38. Votes in the negative 16. A standing vote.

#### **ARTICLE 40.**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend Section 3400 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Development Scheduling, by adding the following new provisions to Section 3430, Rate:

- a. Not more than one hundred (100) building permits for new dwelling units shall be allowed in any given two (2) year period, and
- b. If building permits for new dwelling units exceed fifty (50) in any given one (1) year period, the Building Inspector shall limit the number of such permits granted for said units in any one subdivision to not more than twenty-four (24) in a one year period until such time as either the fifty unit total or the 24 units per subdivision are not exceeded during any given one year period.
- c. The foregoing limitation shall not apply to low income housing or the rebuilding of destroyed homes.

And by deleting the following sections in their entirety: Section 3431, Moderate Building, Section 3432, Rapid Building, and Section 3433, Extremely Rapid Building.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 10. Votes in the negative 1. A standing vote.

#### **ARTICLE 41.**

**VOTED:** That action under Article 41 be indefinitely postponed. (This article proposed amending Section 4332 of the Zoning By-laws, regarding application and review procedure for Flexible Development.)

**ARTICLE 42.**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Town amend Section 2400 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Dimensional Regulations, by adding a new Section 2415, Driveways, as follows:

2415. Driveways. All driveways shall be constructed to provide adequate access for all emergency vehicles as determined by the Town Engineer and Fire Chief. Driveways shall not exceed a grade of ten (10%) percent unless either a special waiver or a service disclaimer is obtained from the Fire Chief.

**ARTICLE 43.**

**VOTED:** That action under Article 43 be indefinitely postponed. (This article proposed amendment of the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Sharon, by removing certain parcels from the Light Industrial Zoning District and placing the same in Rural 1 Zoning District.)

**ARTICLE 44.**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning by-laws of the Town by adopting the following new Section 4700 under Article IV, Special Regulations, entitled “Natural Gas Custody Transfer Facilities” which shall read as follows:

4700. NATURAL GAS CUSTODY TRANSFER FACILITIES.

4710. Purpose.

The purpose of this regulation is to permit the construction and operation of natural gas custody transfer facilities in the Town of Sharon while minimizing their adverse impact on adjacent properties and residential neighborhoods and limiting the number of such facilities to those which are essential. For the purpose of these by-laws, “natural gas custody transfer facility” shall mean a gate station at which natural gas will be received and reduced in pressure for transfer and introduction into the service system.

4720. General Requirements.

No natural gas custody transfer facility shall be constructed or operated except in compliance with the provisions of this section. In all cases, a Special Permit is required from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Any proposed material adjustment or renovation of the facility shall be subject to a new application for a Special Permit.

4730. Application Process.

All applications for a Special Permit for natural gas custody transfer facilities shall be made and filed on the appropriate form in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Sharon Zoning

Board of Appeals. In addition, each applicant must submit the following information as part of its application:

1. A locus plan at a scale of (1" = 100') which depicts all property lines, precise locations of proposed structure(s), streets, landscape features, and residential dwellings and buildings, which are within a five hundred (500) foot radius of the proposed facility. The plan shall also identify all abutters to the property as shown on the most recent town assessors map; and
2. Engineer's certification that the proposed facility complies with all applicable federal and state standards regulating such facilities.

4740. Special Permit Review.

Applications for a Special Permit for a natural gas custody transfer facility shall be reviewed in accordance with the procedures under Section 6310 of these Zoning by-laws. In addition, every applicant must demonstrate that the proposed natural gas transfer facility provides adequate safeguards to protect the public, control noise and other emissions, and complies with the applicable building height limitations contained in Section 2400 et. seq. of these By-laws.

And to amend the Zoning By-laws of the Town to allow Natural Gas Custody Transfer Facilities in all zoning districts by Special Permit, by adopting the following new sections under Article II, District Regulations, which shall read as follows:

- 2315(c) (4) : Natural gas custody transfer facilities or gate stations as provided in Section 4700.
  - 2326 (k): Natural gas custody transfer facilities or gate stations as provided in Section 4700.
  - 2334 (f): Natural gas custody transfer facilities or gate stations as provided in Section 4700.
1. Uses Allowed by Special Permit:
    - (a) Natural gas custody transfer facilities or gate stations as provided in Section 4700.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 15. Votes in the negative 1. A standing vote.

**ARTICLE 45.**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend Article 17, Section 9, "Regulation of Dogs," of the General By-laws by changing the date by which a license must be obtained before the imposition of a late fee from "May 30<sup>th</sup>" to "May 31<sup>st</sup>", so that the section will now read, in its entirety, as follows:



SECTION 9: In addition to the requirement that a dog shall be duly licensed as required by law, the owner of a dog which is not licensed on or before May 31<sup>st</sup> in any year shall be subject to a "late fee" so-called, of twenty-five (\$25) dollars, said fee to be paid in addition to the license fee for all dogs unlicensed on or after May 31<sup>st</sup> of any year. The owner of any unsplayed and unleashed female dog found by the Dog Officer roaming at large in season (heat) off the premises of the owner or keeper shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25). In accordance with Article 11 of the General By-laws of the Town of Sharon, a non-criminal disposition penalty will be imposed in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for any owner of a dog who fails to comply with the licensing of their dog on or before June 30<sup>th</sup> of any year, said fee is to be paid in addition to the late fee and license fee.

## ARTICLE 46.

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the composition of the membership of the Capital Outlay Committee as established by the 1969 Annual Town Meeting, and as amended by the 1977 Annual Town Meeting, so that said Committee shall be composed of nine members, to be appointed as follows:

One member of the Board of Selectmen and one designee of that Board;

One member of the School Committee and one designee of that Committee;

One member of the Planning Board and one designee of that Board;

One member of the Finance Committee and one designee of that Committee; and

A Chairman, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Said designees may, but need not be, members of the Board or Committee by which they were designated. Said nine members must be residents of the Town of Sharon. In addition to the nine above-referenced members, the Sharon Town Administrator and Treasurer shall be members of said Committee, but shall be non-voting members.

## ARTICLE 47.

**VOTED:** That the Town accept and adopt as a public way each of the following:

1. **Red Fox Run:** beginning from Station 0+00, thence running Westerly, a distance of 538 linear feet to Station 5+38, its terminus.
2. **Seminole Circle:** beginning from Station 0+00, thence running Northerly, a distance of 330 linear feet to station 3+30, its terminus.
3. **Nasir Ahmad Road:** beginning from Station 0+00, thence running Westerly, a distance of 859.68 linear feet to station 8+59.68, its terminus.

Each as laid out by the Selectmen, including any easements and utilities appurtenant thereto, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the costs associated therewith.

**ARTICLE 48.**

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the special fund established to reimburse the Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training for the actual costs of benefits paid to former town employees and chargeable to the Town by transferring \$50,000 from the Overlay Reserve Account.

**MEETING DISSOLVED AT 9:50 P.M.**

Attendance: 65

**ATTEST:**

**MARLENE B. CHUSED  
SHARON TOWN CLERK**





ACCT #	APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS				FREE CASH	CH.90	BORROWING AUTHORIZED
			TAX LEVY	OVERLAY RESERVE	AMBULANCE RESERVE				
01-300	EDUCATION								
5320	SOUTHEAST. REG.	10,578.00	10,578.00						
	VOC. SCHOOL								
5321	VOC. TUITION	12,000.00	12,000.00						
01-310	EDUCATION	22,114,993.00	20,991,509.00						
01-401	D.P.W.	1,820,943.00	1,820,943.00			1,123,484.00			
01-490	STREET LIGHTING	245,925.00	245,925.00						
01-510	HEALTH	186,955.00	186,955.00						
01-541	C.O.A.	164,937.00	164,937.00						
01-543	VETERANS	15,320.00	15,320.00						
01-544	VETS. GRAVES	2,400.00	2,400.00						
01-545	COMM. ON DISAB.	1550.00	1550.00						
01-610	LIBRARY	615,157.00	615,157.00						
01-630	RECREATION	311,577.00	311,577.00						
01-691	HISTORICAL COMM.	150.00	150.00						
01-692	COMM. CELEB.	1,555.00	1,555.00						
01-710	MATURING DEBT	3,693,224.00	3,693,224.00						
01-715	INTEREST	1,441,346.00	1,441,346.00						
01-914	MEDICARE	255,000.00	255,000.00						
01-915	SOCIAL SECURITY	57,000.00	57,000.00						
01-920	INSURANCE	2,627,617.00	2,627,617.00						
28-450	WATER DIV.	1,298,734.00	1,298,734.00						
ARTICLE #5 TOTALS		40,279,320.00	38,624,401.00	350,000.00	181,435.00	1,123,484.00			
ART 7	NORFOLK CTY RET.	1,085,578.00	1,085,578.00						
ART 8	ANNUAL AUDIT	29,000.00	29,000.00						
ART 9	DPW ROAD/SIDEWALK	750,000.00							750,000.00
ART 10	DPW EQUIPMENT 2001	103,000.00							103,000.00
ART 11	SCHOOL PROJECTS 01	511,713.00							511,713.00
ART 12	FIRE DEPT EQUIP 2001	375,000.00							375,000.00
ART 13	LIBRARY REPAIRS 2001	105,000.00							105,000.00

ACCT #	APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS				FREE CASH	CH 90	BORROWING AUTHORIZED
			TAX LEVY	OVERLAY RESERVE	AMBULANCE RESERVE				
ART 14	POLICE EQUIPMENT 2001	45,000.00							45,000.00
ART 15	REC REPAIRS/EQUIP 2001	45,000.00							45,000.00
ART 16	TOWN CLERK DOCUMENTS	15,337.00	15,337.00						
ART 17	ASSESSORS DOCUMENTS	16,274.00	16,274.00						
ART18	PROPERTY ASSESSMT	14,500.00	14,500.00						
ART 20	WATER LAND PURCHASE	340,000.00	340,000.00						200,000.00
ART 23	WATER POLLUTION ABATE	200,000.00							
ART 27	STATE TRANS BOND CH90	305,296.14					305,296.14		
ART 47	ROAD ACCEPTANCES	1,000.00	1,000.00						
ART 48	UNEMPLOYMENT	50,000.00		50,000.00					
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDING BORROWING		44,271,018.14	40,126,090.00	400,000.00	181,435.00	1,123,484.00	305,296.14		2,134,713.00
MINUS BORROWING		2,134,713.00							
TOTAL NET RAISED/APPR.		42,136,305.14							

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 8, 2000

Article		Appropriation	Free Cash
1	School Department Expenses	300,000	300,000



# SEPTEMBER STATE PRIMARY

SEPTEMBER 19, 2000

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of July 27, 2000, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections, met in the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 7:00 A.M., Tuesday, September 19, 2000. The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused who read the call and return of the warrant. The warden for the election was Lynne M. Callanan. The wardens for precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were named as follows: Edna Walden, Barbara Testa, Marjorie Dunn, Shirley Schofield and Patricia Zlotin. Clerks and workers were: Barbara Ripley, Elise Popkin, Helen Bouffard, Mildred Worthley, Herbert Pozner, Joseph Petrosky, Iris Lovett, Eleanor Herburger, Irene Scott, Doris Grahm, Hyman Lamb, Morton Kaufman, Barbara Katz, Diane Donovan, Gertrude Leonard, Sylvia Namyet, Dave Savage, Bernard Rosenberg, Marilyn Lamb, Elaine Shriber, Patricia MacDougall, Adrienne Newell, James Testa, Lillian Crosman, Susan Slater, Diane Curtis, Gus Spano, Barry Zlotin, Beth Kourafas. The ballot boxes were locked and the keys delivered to Officer of the Day, Allan Greenfield. All election officers and workers were sworn.

At 8:00 P.M. the polls were declared closed. Total votes were as follows:

Precinct	Democrats	Republicans	Libertarians	Total
1	119	12	0	131
2	80	8	0	88
3	91	6	0	97
4	80	14	3	97
5	89	17	0	106
Total	459	57	3	519

The ballots were canvassed according to the law by an OPTECH III-P Eagle Precinct Tabulator. Results were transcribed on summary sheets and declaration was made by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused at 8:30 P.M. as follows:

## DEMOCRAT

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
SENATOR IN CONGRESS						
Edward M. Kennedy	111	72	81	69	82	415
Write-In	0	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	8	8	9	11	7	43 459
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS						
Barney Frank	110	76	81	68	83	418

Write-In	0	0	1	0	0	1	
Blanks	9	4	9	12	6	40	459
COUNCILLOR SECOND DISTRICT							
Kelly A. Timilty	80	52	60	52	59	303	
Terence J. O'Malley	18	16	15	11	19	79	
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	21	12	16	17	11	77	459

#### SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

James Timilty	96	61	73	67	70	367	
Write-In	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Blanks	23	19	18	13	18	91	459

#### REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Louis L. Kafka	109	73	84	73	80	419	
Write-In	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Blanks	10	7	7	7	8	39	459

#### CLERK OF COURTS

Walter F. Timilty	86	57	65	57	63	328	
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	33	23	26	23	26	131	459

#### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Peter H. Collins	23	14	25	17	23	102	
Mary Ellen Cronin	16	14	15	20	23	88	
Paul D. Harold	69	45	42	38	38	232	
Write-In	0	0	1	0	0	1	
Blanks	11	7	8	5	5	36	459

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONER

John M. Gillis	56	34	40	38	48	216	
William P. O'Donnell	73	53	57	46	63	292	
Write-In	0	0	3	0	0	3	
Blanks	109	73	82	76	67	407	918

#### REPUBLICAN

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	
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#### SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Jack E. Robinson, III	8	7	3	11	9	38	
Write-In	2	0	1	0	0	3	
Blanks	2	1	2	3	8	16	57

#### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Martin D. Travis	7	6	4	11	11	39	
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	5	2	2	3	6	18	57

COUNCILLOR SECOND DISTRICT							
Write-In	2	0	0	1	0	3	
Blanks	10	8	6	13	17	54	57
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT							
Jo Ann Sprague	11	8	5	14	12	50	
Write-In	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Blanks	1	0	1	0	4	6	57
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT							
Write-In	2	0	0	0	0	2	
Blanks	10	8	6	14	17	55	57
CLERK OF COURTS							
Daniel M. Dewey	8	7	4	12	9	40	
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	4	1	2	2	8	17	57
REGISTER OF DEEDS							
Bruce Olsen	9	7	4	13	8	41	
Write-In	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Blanks	2	1	2	1	9	15	57
COUNTY COMMISSIONER							
Write-In	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Blanks	23	16	12	28	34	113	114
LIBERTARIAN							
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	
SENATOR IN CONGRESS							
Carla A. Howell	0	0	0	2	0	2	
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS							
David J. Euchner	0	0	0	3	0	3	
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
COUNCILLOR							
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	0	0	0	3	0	3	3
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT							
Write-In	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Blanks	0	0	0	2	0	2	3



**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	0	0	0	3	0	3	3

**CLERK OF COURTS**

Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	0	0	0	3	0	3	3

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	0	0	0	3	0	3	3

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	0	0	0	6	0	6	6

Total Registered Voters: 11,763

Percent Voting: 4%

Absentee: 41

Total Votes Cast: 519

## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

November 7, 2000

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of October 19, 2000, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, qualified to vote in elections met in the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 7:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 7, 2000. The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused who read the call and return of the warrant. The warden for the election was Lynne M. Callanan. The wardens for Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were named as follows: Edna Walden, Barbara Testa, Marjorie Dunn, Shirley Schofield and Pat Zlotin. Clerks and workers were: Iris Lovett, Marilyn Lamb, Susan Slater, Diane Curtis, Doris Grahm, Eleanor Herburger, Marcia Hahn, Ardeth Parrish, Shirley Donovan, Diane Donovan, Lillian Crosman, Barbara Ripley, Nancy Welch, Marcia Shapiro, Virginia Karelitz, Jan Parr, Clista Dow, Elise Popkin, Frances Darrow, Pat Spaulding, Nancy Kritzman, Helen Hogan, Teri Spevock, Shelley Hatch, Barbara Katz, Elaine Shriber, Helen Bouffard, Gertrude Leonard, Joan Donovan, Lillian Crosman, Gail Snyderman, Adrienne Newell, Ellen Michelson, Patty MacDougall, Diane Waitz, Leslie Kriger, Mollie Sonion, Helen Chapman, Linda Lyons, Mildred Worthley, Hyman Lamb, Sylvia Namyet, Connie Darrow, Bernie Brogan, Judy Silverman, Herbert Pozner, Susan Alpert, Dave Savage, Jim Testa, Phil Chapman, Joseph Petrosky, Morton Kaufman, Bernie Rosenberg, Barry Zlotin, Michelle Chused, Beth Kourafas. The ballot boxes were locked and the keys delivered to Officer of the Day, John J. McGrath. All election officers and workers were sworn.

AT 8:00 P.M. the polls were declared closed. Total votes were as follows: Precinct 1 - 1777; Precinct 2 - 2047; Precinct 3 - 1882; Precinct 4 - 1956; Precinct 5 - 1942. Total votes cast - 9604. Absentee ballots cast - 833.

The ballots were canvassed according to law by an OPTECH III-P Eagle Precinct Ballot Tabulator. Results were transcribed on summary sheets and declaration was made by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused at 8:22 P.M. as follows:

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	
<b>ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT</b>							
BROWNE AND OLIVER	7	10	21	14	10	62	
BUCHANAN AND HIGGINS, SR.	5	2	6	2	2	17	
BUSH AND CHENEY	324	424	343	410	454	1955	
GORE AND LIEBERMAN	1327	1526	1416	1417	1348	7034	
HAGELIN AND TOMPKINS	1	1	1	2	2	7	
NADER AND LaDUKE	107	79	88	101	119	494	
WRITE-IN	0	3	2	1	0	6	
Blanks	6	2	5	9	7	29	9604
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>							
EDWARD M. KENNEDY	1379	1615	1506	1497	1455	7452	
CARLA A. HOWELL	190	201	172	221	246	1030	

<b>PRECINCT</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
JACK E. ROBINSON	117	157	126	168	161	729	
DALE E. FRIEDGEN	4	6	3	3	9	25	
PHILIP HYDE, III	2	3	1	3	1	10	
PHILIP F. LAWLER	18	8	10	10	12	58	
WRITE-IN	3	3	5	2	2	15	
Blanks	64	54	59	52	56	285	9604

#### **REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

##### **FOURTH DISTRICT**

BARNEY FRANK	1444	1671	1571	1562	1503	7751	
DAVID J. EUCHNER	59	53	50	58	84	304	
MARTIN D. TRAVIS	206	259	183	263	276	1187	
WRITE-IN	1	2	2	1	1	7	
Blanks	67	62	76	72	78	355	9604

#### **COUNCILLOR SECOND DISTRICT**

KELLY A. TIMILTY	1279	1512	1366	1461	1420	7038	
WRITE-IN	14	14	8	12	12	60	
Blanks	484	521	508	483	510	2506	9604

#### **SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

##### **NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT**

JO ANN SPRAGUE	650	798	683	715	773	3619	
JAMES TIMILTY	1006	1117	1062	1117	1067	5369	
WRITE-IN	3	5	11	10	3	32	
Blanks	118	127	126	114	99	584	9604

#### **REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

##### **EIGHTH NORFOLK DISTRICT**

LOUIS L. KAFKA	1472	1718	1596	1622	1590	7998	
WRITE-IN	18	14	14	13	11	70	
Blanks	287	315	272	321	341	1536	9604

#### **CLERK OF COURTS NORFOLK COUNTY**

DANIEL M. DEWEY	343	429	360	432	465	2029	
WALTER F TIMILTY, JR.	1121	1266	1172	1187	1188	5934	
WRITE-IN	4	2	4	11	3	24	
Blanks	309	350	346	326	286	1617	9604

#### **REGISTER OF DEEDS NORFOLK DISTRICT**

PAUL D. HAROLD	1000	1080	1039	1063	1025	5207	
BRUCE OLSEN	453	599	476	545	594	2667	
WRITE-IN	13	3	2	1	3	22	
Blanks	311	365	365	347	320	1708	9604

#### **COUNTY COMMISSIONER NORFOLK COUNTY**

JOHN M. GILLIS	946	1086	1007	1027	1039	5105	
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<b>PRECINCT</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
WILLIAM P. O'DONNELL	855	997	918	1020	1009	4799	
WRITE-IN	18	13	11	10	7	59	
Blanks	1735	1998	1828	1855	1829	9245	9604

**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SOUTHEASTERN BROCKTON**

WINNIFRED E. PETKUNAS	1092	1277	1140	1223	1199	5931	
WRITE-IN	12	1	6	5	8	32	
Blanks	673	769	736	728	735	3641	9604

**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SOUTHEASTERN FOXBOROUGH**

ROBERT A. GIRARDIN	1073	1258	1126	1219	1195	5871	
WRITE-IN	10	3	5	2	4	24	
Blanks	694	786	751	735	743	3709	9604

**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SOUTHEASTERN MANSFIELD**

WILLIAM F. FLANNERY	1060	1246	1118	1217	1175	5816	
WRITE-IN	13	3	4	2	2	24	
Blanks	704	798	760	737	765	3764	9604

**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SOUTHEASTERN NORTON**

CHARLES W. MCDONALD	716	848	744	818	779	3905	
CORNELIUS J. LINEHAN	132	148	155	171	199	805	
DOUGLAS F. WOLCOTT, JR.	122	133	115	129	140	639	
WRITE-IN	9	2	6	2	19	38	
Blanks	798	916	862	836	805	4217	9604

**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SOUTHEASTERN SHARON**

MINDY MARCIA KEMPNER	1172	1308	1194	1295	1249	6218	
WRITE-IN	10	1	3	3	7	24	
Blanks	595	738	685	658	686	3362	9604

**QUESTION 1 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION-EARLIER  
REDISTRICTING FOR STATE LEGISLATORS AND GOVERNORS COUNCILLORS**

YES	1281	1496	1382	1392	1441	6992	
NO	359	443	383	444	393	2022	
Blanks	137	108	117	120	108	590	9604

**QUESTION 2 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION-VOTING BY  
INCARCERATED FELONS**

YES	1036	1402	1209	1259	1278	6184	
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<b>PRECINCT</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
NO	652	588	605	622	601	3068	
Blanks	89	57	68	75	63	352	9604
<b>QUESTION 3 LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION-DOG RACING</b>							
YES	864	912	872	971	890	4509	
NO	832	1077	948	926	1002	4785	
Blanks	81	58	62	59	50	310	9604
<b>QUESTION 4 LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION-INCOME TAX RATE REDUCTION</b>							
YES	929	1300	1132	1085	1134	5580	
NO	781	696	692	812	759	3740	
Blanks	67	51	58	59	49	284	9604
<b>QUESTION 5 LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION-HEALTH INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE</b>							
YES	807	970	883	868	865	4393	
NO	883	1009	926	999	1009	4826	
Blanks	87	68	73	89	68	385	9604
<b>QUESTION 6 LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION-TAX CREDIT FOR TOLLS AND MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES</b>							
YES	585	858	764	776	758	3741	
NO	1101	1123	1048	1104	1117	5493	
Blanks	91	66	70	76	67	370	9604
<b>QUESTION 7 LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION-TAX DEDUCTION FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS</b>							
YES	1324	1612	1504	1489	1466	7395	
NO	357	365	310	385	415	1832	
Blanks	96	70	68	82	61	377	9604
<b>QUESTION 8 LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION-DRUG-DEPENDENCY TREATMENT AND DRUG-CRIME FINES AND FORFEITURES</b>							
YES	970	989	972	954	976	4861	
NO	709	975	828	905	887	4304	
Blanks	98	83	82	97	79	439	9604
Total Registered Voters: 12,015							
Percent Voting: 80%							
Absentee: 833							
Total Votes Cast: 9,604							

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 13, 2000

Pursuant to the provisions of the warrant of October 12, 2000, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 8:00 P.M..

The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. Town Clerk, Marlene B. Chused, read the call and return of the warrant.

The Moderator asked for consent to allow the following non-voters to address the meeting: Soozen Striar Tribuna, Steven Striar, Thomas McShane, Kelly Cardoza, Paul Feldman, Dan Freeman, Michael Laghetto and James Burke.

### ARTICLE 1.

MOVED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,775,000 to be added to the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Account so that the Commission may acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 79, and/or under Chapter 80A as such eminent domain procedure shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen in the name of the Town the fee and/or a Conservation Restriction and/or the control of the ownership on the following parcels of land or portions thereof:

1. The property shown as Block 5 on Sharon Assessors Map 15, containing 21 acres, more or less, situated off Mansfield Street, and more particularly described as Parcel No. 2 in a deed from Roslyn Siegel, individually and as she is executrix of the Estate of David Siegel, to Roslyn Siegel, dated December 16, 1987 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 7845, at Page 21; and the property shown as Block 2 on Sharon Assessors Map 15, containing 70 acres, more or less, situated off Mansfield Street, and more particularly described as Parcel 3 in the above-referenced deed;
2. The property known as Rattlesnake Hill, shown as Parcel 9-1 on Sharon Assessors Map 35, containing 311 acres, more or less, situated off Mountain Street, and more particularly described in a deed from Subon Co. to The Rattlesnake Corporation, dated August 17, 1994 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 10631 at Page 147;

or as the same may be more particularly described, for the purpose of effecting a public improvement, and provided further that if the Town proceeds with a proposed above-ground water storage tank, standpipe and water pressure system, at the following portion of Rattlesnake Hill, such



property shall be excluded from such Conservation Commission acquisition:

The property owned by The Rattlesnake Corporation, shown as Lot 26 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Mountain Street in Sharon, Mass." dated April 19, 1996, prepared by Youngquist, James & Associates, Inc. and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. Said plan is on file with the Sharon Town Clerk.

And to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$12,775,000 under Massachusetts General Laws,, Chapter 44, Section 7; and to authorize the Conservation Commission and/or the Board of Selectmen to enter into such agreements and execute such documents as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing.

And further that this appropriation shall take effect only if the Town votes at an election held in accordance with G.L.c 59, s 21C(m) to exempt the debt incurred herein from the provisions of Proposition 21/2.

VOTED TO MOVE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

Votes in the affirmative 1387. Votes in the negative 208. A standing vote.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,775,000 to be added to the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Account so that the Commission may acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 79, and/or under Chapter 80A as such eminent domain procedure shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen in the name of the Town the fee and/or a Conservation Restriction and/or the control of the ownership on the following parcels of land or portions thereof:

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or as the same may be more particularly described, for the purpose of effecting a public improvement, and provided further that if the Town proceeds with a proposed above-ground water storage tank, standpipe and water pressure system, at the following portion of Rattlesnake Hill, such property shall be excluded from such Conservation Commission acquisition:

The property owned by The Rattlesnake Corporation, shown as Lot 26 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Mountain Street in Sharon, Mass." dated April 19, 1996, prepared by Youngquist, James & Associates, Inc. and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. Said plan is on file with the Sharon Town Clerk.

And to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$12,775,000 under Massachusetts General Laws,, Chapter 44, Section 7; and to authorize the Conservation Commission and/or the Board of Selectmen to enter into such agreements and execute such documents as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing.

And further that this appropriation shall take effect only if the Town votes at an election held in accordance with G.L.c 59, s 21C(m) to exempt the debt incurred herein from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½.

Votes in the affirmative 1083. Votes in the negative 509. A standing vote.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER ARTICLE 1, NOT CARRIED.

MOTION: To adjourn at 11:00 P.M. or at the completion of action under Article 2 and to reconvene on Tuesday evening, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2000 at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. CARRIED.

ARTICLE 2.

MOVED: That action under Article 2 be indefinitely postponed. (This article proposed the addition of a new Section 4360 to the Zoning By-laws of the Town for flexible recreational developments in various districts.)

MOTION: To move previous question. CARRIED.

VOTED: That action under Article 2 be indefinitely postponed.  
Votes in the affirmative in excess of 200. Votes in the negative 37. A standing vote.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:50 P.M.

Attendance: 1761

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**November 14, 2000**

Pursuant to the provisions of the warrant of October 31, 2000, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. Town Clerk, Marlene B. Chused, read the call and return of the warrant.

MOVED: That the Special Town Meeting called for November 14, 2000 adjourn, to reconvene at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at the completion of action under Article 7 of the Special Town Meeting that was called for November 13, 2000, and that adjourned until November 14, 2000.

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**November 13, 2000**

The Special Town Meeting of November 13, 2000 was adjourned at 11:50 P.M. to reconvene at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium on Pond Street on Tuesday, November 14, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Special Town Meeting Warrant of October 12, 2000.

Attest:

Marlene B. Chused  
Sharon Town Clerk

**November 14, 2000**

This is to certify that I have posted a copy of the above notice in accordance with Town By-Laws.

Attest:

Joseph S. Bernstein, Constable  
Sharon, Massachusetts



## ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 14, 2000

VOTED: That this Special Town Meeting adjourn at the completion of action under Article 7, to reconvene at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium upon the dissolution of the Special Town Meeting called for November 14, 2000.

MOVED: To reconsider vote under Article 2.

VOTED: To move to an immediate vote. Votes in the affirmative 460. Votes in the negative 72. A standing vote.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER ARTICLE 2, NOT CARRIED.

VOTED: That we adjourn at 11:00 P.M., or after voting on the article under consideration at 11:00 P.M., and reconvene at this auditorium on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2000 at 8:00 P.M.

### ARTICLE 3.

MOVED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen and/or the Standing Building Committee and authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Standing Building Committee to engage architects and/or consultants for the purposes of preparing feasibility studies for the renovation, alteration, rehabilitation, demolition or remodeling of the existing structures and the possible erection on the premises of a new building or buildings for the following site and uses and to prepare application(s) for grant funds therefor:

(a) A feasibility study and design services which design services would include, without limitation, design plans and specifications, to include contract documents and estimates of probable construction costs for the use of the Sacred Heart site, which is identified below, as a senior center, and

(b) A feasibility study of the use of the Sacred Heart site for recreational purposes, including without limitation, offices thereon.

The Sacred Heart site consists of the following parcel of land and buildings thereon:

Said property consists of 2.2 acres, more or less and was acquired by the Town by deed of the Order of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of New England, Inc. dated December 26, 1974, and recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds,

as authorized by vote of the Special Town Meeting of April 22, 1974.

The above studies shall evaluate the use of the site for both recreational and senior center purposes.

Said feasibility studies shall be undertaken in accordance with the "Guidelines for Feasibility Studies" adopted by the Sharon Standing Building Committee, as the same may be from time to time amended.

And further, that the Town transfer from the Board of Selectmen for library, police or municipal office purposes to the Board of Selectmen for library, police, municipal office, recreation or senior center purposes the care, custody, management and control of said property.

And to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$225,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

MOTION: To move to an immediate vote. Votes in the affirmative in excess of 100. Votes in the negative 28. A standing vote.  
MOTION CARRIED.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen and/or the Standing Building Committee and authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Standing Building Committee to engage architects and/or consultants for the purposes of preparing feasibility studies for the renovation, alteration, rehabilitation, demolition or remodeling of the existing structures and the possible erection on the premises of a new building or buildings for the following site and uses and to prepare application(s) for grant funds therefor:

(a) A feasibility study and design services which design services would include, without limitation, design plans and specifications, to include contract documents and estimates of probable construction costs for the use of the Sacred Heart site, which is identified below, as a senior center, and

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The above studies shall evaluate the use of the site for both recreational and senior center purposes.

Said feasibility studies shall be undertaken in accordance with the "Guidelines for Feasibility Studies" adopted by the Sharon Standing Building Committee, as the same may be from time to time amended.

And further, that the Town transfer from the Board of Selectmen for library, police or municipal office purposes to the Board of Selectmen for library, police, municipal office, recreation or senior center purposes the care, custody, management and control of said property.

And to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$225,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

#### ARTICLE 4.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$540,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a settlement agreement with Sharon Senior Living Associates, Inc. (SSLA) pursuant to which SSLA shall release all of its right, title and interest to the premises described below; and to enter into such other agreements and execute such documents, all upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem appropriate to accomplish the foregoing. The "premises" consist of the following parcel of land and the buildings thereon:

That parcel of land as shown on "Plan of lands in Sharon, Massachusetts showing lands, August 10, 1920, E. Northington, Engineer and received by the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, August 18, 1920 and filed as Plan No. 4655, Page 96."

A copy of said plan is on file with the Town Clerk.

Said premises contain 161,172 square feet +/-, and consist of the entire block bounded by South Pleasant, Chestnut, South Main and Station Streets.

And to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$540,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 25. Votes in the negative 4. A standing vote.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER ARTICLE 4, NOT CARRIED.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:10 P.M.

Attendance: 572



## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**November 13, 2000**

The Special Town Meeting of November 13, 2000 was adjourned at 11:00 P.M. to reconvene at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium on Pond Street on Monday, November 20, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Special Town Meeting Warrant of October 12, 2000.

Attest:

Marlene B. Chused  
Sharon Town Clerk

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**November 14, 2000**

The Special Town Meeting of November 14, 2000 was adjourned to reconvene at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at the completion of action under Article 7 of the Special Town Meeting that was called for November 13, 2000 and that adjourned until November 20, 2000 at 8:00 then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Special Town Meeting Warrant of October 31, 2000.

Attest:

Marlene B. Chused  
Sharon Town Clerk

November 15, 2000

This is to certify that I have posted a copy of the above notice in accordance with Town By-Laws.

Attest:

Joseph S. Bernstein, Constable  
Sharon, Massachusetts

## **ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**November 20, 2000**

ARTICLE 5.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen and/or the Standing Building

Committee and authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Standing Building Committee to engage engineers, architects, and/or consultants for the purpose of preparing feasibility studies which would include, without limitation, design plans and specifications, to include estimates of probable construction costs, for the renovation, alteration, rehabilitation or remodeling of the existing structures and the possible erection on the premises of a new building or buildings for the following sites and uses and to prepare application(s) for grant funds therefor:

(a) A feasibility study of the use of the Wilber School property, which is identified below, for town administration offices, school administration offices, and public library. The Wilber School property consists of the following parcel of land and the buildings thereon:

That parcel of land as shown on "Plan of lands in Sharon, Massachusetts showing lands, August 10, 1920, E. Northington, Engineer and received by the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, August 18, 1920 and filed as Plan No. 4655, Page 96." A copy of said plan is on file with the Town Clerk.

Said premises contain 161,172 square feet +/-, and consist of the entire block bounded by South Pleasant, Chestnut, South Main and Station Streets.

(b) A feasibility study of the use of the Town Hall and Fire Station property, which is identified below, for a joint public safety complex, including without limitation, offices to be used by the Fire Department and Police Department. The Town Hall and Fire Station property consists of the following parcel of land and the buildings thereon:

The parcel of land upon which is presently located the Town Hall and Fire Station, identified more particularly on Sharon Assessor's Map 91, Lot 76 and in a deed from Joel P. Hewins to the Town of Sharon dated February 20, 1883 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 544, at Page 339.

And to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$180,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

Said feasibility studies shall be undertaken in accordance with the "Guidelines for Feasibility Studies" adopted by the Sharon Standing Building Committee, as the same may be from time to time amended.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 26. Votes in the negative

2. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 6.

VOTED: That action under Article 6 be indefinitely postponed.  
(This article proposed raising and appropriating funds for purchase of land, costs of engineering, etc. for an above-ground water storage tank.)

ARTICLE 7.

VOTED: That action under Article 7 be indefinitely postponed.  
(This article proposed appropriating or transferring funds for upgrades at Cottage Street Elementary School)

Special Town Meeting of November 13, 2000 adjourned to reconvene at this auditorium upon the dissolution of the Special Town Meeting of November 14, 2000.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**November 14, 2000**

ARTICLE 1.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate \$350,000 to be expended by the Standing Building Committee for the costs of design, engineering and architectural services, including, without limitation, financial estimates, for plans and specifications for the remodeling, reconstruction, and making extraordinary repairs to the Cottage Street School for the following: a gym, music room, art room, special education room, library media center, computer room, and/or health room; to come into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and seismic standards; to install sprinklers, to make repairs to the septic system, and for other improvements to said School.

And to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$350,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 60. Votes in the negative 13. A standing vote.

VOTED: To dissolve the Special Town Meeting of November 14, 2000.

**ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**November 20, 2000**

ARTICLE 8.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be expended by the School Committee for the purpose of



hiring engineers, architects and/or consultants to conduct a system-wide study of the space needs and building feasibility of all school buildings for the entire school system including, without limitation, the Early Childhood Program. Said study shall be undertaken in accordance with the "Guidelines for Feasibility Studies" adopted by the Sharon Standing Building Committee and shall include consideration of both the alteration, rehabilitation or remodeling of the existing structures and also the demolition of the existing structures and the erection of a new building or buildings.

And to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$150,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

#### ARTICLE 9.

VOTED: That action under Article 9 be indefinitely postponed. (This article proposed appropriating or transferring funds for feasibility studies of construction, remodeling, etc. for the Middle School.)

MOTION TO RECONSIDER ARTICLE 9, NOT CARRIED.

#### ARTICLE 10.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be expended by the School Committee for the purchase and installation of one temporary classroom for the current school year, including, but without limitation, a permanent modular classroom.

And to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$200,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

#### ARTICLE 11.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,000 to be expended by the School Committee and authorize the School Committee to engage engineers, architects, and/or consultants for the purpose of preparing design plans and specifications, to include contract documents and estimates of probable construction costs, for design of a replacement septic system at the East Elementary School and for the construction of the first of two phases of said septic system.

And to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$165,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

#### ARTICLE 12.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That action under Article 12 be indefinitely postponed. (This article proposed appropriating or transferring funds to supplement the Fire Department budget.)

#### ARTICLE 13.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$340,000 and authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting as the Board of Water Commissioners, to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 79, in the name of the Town the following parcels of land, or portions thereof:

- 1) The property known as 54 South Walpole Street, containing 3 acres, more or less, more particularly described in a deed from Robert S. Steinert to Lucy P. Steinert and Cornelia A. Steinert, dated January 16, 1995 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 10800, at Page 528;
- 2) The property known as 65 South Walpole Street, containing 19.3 acres, more or less, more particularly described as "First Parcel" in a deed from Amory Goddard to Elizabeth A. Goddard, dated December 10, 1983 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 6313, at Page 88; and
- 3) The property known as 62 South Walpole Street, containing 4 acres, more or less, more particularly described in a deed from Jane Goddard Steinert to Frederick D. Ballou & Peter B. Loring, trustee of the Goddard Title Trust, dated August 18, 1992 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 9654, at Page 199;
- 4) The property known as 100 South Walpole Street, containing 4 acres, more or less, more particularly described in a deed from Jane Goddard Steinert to Elizabeth Afong Goddard, dated May 11, 1989, and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 8320, at Page 308.

Or as the same may be more particularly described, and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$340,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7; and further, authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into such agreements and execute such documents as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That Articles 14 through 22, except for any of them as to which any voter asks for individual consideration, be considered together and be the subject of a single motion.

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws and the Zoning Map of the Town exactly as printed in Articles 14 through 22 of the Warrant, except that in Article 19, Section(b) the height shall be 45 feet instead of 42 feet, without the words at the end of each article "or to take any other action relative thereto".

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 15. Votes in the negative 3. A standing vote.

#### ARTICLE 14.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town amend Section 4342 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Other Requirements for Multifamily Development, by deleting subsection (e) in its entirety and adding in its place the following new subsection (e):

(e) There shall be no more than two (2) floors of habitable space within a dwelling unit, provided, however, the number of habitable floors may be increased to allow a third floor of habitable space if each of the following conditions are met:

- (i) The third floor of habitable space shall be used only for a den, office, exercise room, hobby room, library, storage room, or other similar use;
- (ii) No more than two (2) rooms in the dwelling unit, including the third floor of habitable space, shall be used as bedrooms. For purpose(s) of this section, use of a room for a majority of the days in any six (6) month period for sleeping accommodations shall constitute the use of such rooms as a bedroom;
- (iii) The unit owner and the Homeowners' Association, if any, shall enter into a written agreement as provided below in subsection (vi) hereof. Said Agreement shall permit the Association, if any, and the Building Inspector to enter the dwelling unit to monitor compliance with the provisions of this section as a condition for allowing the continued maintenance and use of said third floor of habitable space. Said Agreement shall be enforceable by the Building Inspector and/or the Homeowners' Association;
- (iv) The Building Inspector shall not permit the use of said third floor of habitable space without proof that said agreement has been recorded at the Registry of Deeds;



- (v) The unit owner and all subsequent unit owners shall provide in any subsequent deed or other conveyance of the dwelling unit notice of the provisions of this section;
- (vi) The Planning Board, following a public hearing, shall adopt the form of an agreement suitable for filing at the Registry of Deeds setting forth the requirements of this by-law for execution by each homeowner and the specified Homeowners' Association seeking to make use of this by-law. Said agreement must contain a requirement that the aforesaid unit owner shall deliver a Registry Certified copy of the fully executed duly recorded agreement to the Building Inspector and the Condominium Association certifying under penalties of perjury as to conformity with Section 4342(e).

#### ARTICLE 15.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town amend the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Sharon as follows:

By removing the following from a General Residence District and establishing the same as a Business District "A":

The parcel of land upon which is presently located the Town Hall and Fire Station, identified more particularly on Sharon Assessor's Map 91, Lot 76 and in a deed from Joel P. Hewins to the Town of Sharon dated February 20, 1883 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 544, at Page 339.'

#### ARTICLE 16.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town amend Section 6330 of the Zoning By-Laws of the Town, Site Plan approval in Business A & C Districts, by adding the words "reconstruction" to the by-laws so that revised Section 6330 shall read as follows:

Projects Requiring Low Impact Site Plan Approval: Unless a site plan has been endorsed by the Planning Board, no building permit shall be issued in the Business A or the Business C District for:

- a. The construction, reconstruction, addition, exterior alteration, or change in use of any structure, other than a single or two-family dwelling, for uses permitted by right or by special permit as identified in Section 2323, or
- b. The construction, reconstruction, addition, exterior alteration, or change in use of any structure for uses permitted by special permit as identified in Section 2326.

The Planning Board will establish a two-tier review process. In the opinion of the Planning Board, projects which meet a

checklist of criteria adopted by the Planning Board in its rules and regulations as part of the "Design Guidelines for Town Center Business District" shall be approved within 21 days and referred to the Building Department. In the opinion of the Planning Board, projects which do not meet this checklist will be reviewed and a decision filed within 45 days of the determination that further review is required. Such guidelines may be adopted and/or amended from time to time by the Planning Board and are incorporated in this By-Law by reference. Any project including new construction, reconstruction, addition, exterior alteration or change in use that requires 20 or more parking spaces on one lot or in one shared parking area shall be subject to the extended review process as set forth above and in Section 6334. Any project including new construction, reconstruction, addition, exterior alteration or change in use that requires less than 20 parking spaces on one lot or in one shared parking area shall be subject only to the 21-day review process.

Any alteration or improvements generated in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act shall be exempt.

#### ARTICLE 17.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town amend the definition of "Natural Vegetation Area" in Article V of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Definitions, by adding the following words: " and no underground piped irrigation systems allowed" so that the definition for "Natural Vegetation Area" will now read in its entirety:

Land having a well established cover of thatch, mulch or leaves characterized by a prevalence of native plants requiring minimal use of fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides and no underground piped irrigation systems allowed.

#### ARTICLE 18.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town amend Section 2400 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Dimensional Regulations, by amending Section 2423, Coverage Limits in Rural and Suburban 2 Districts, by changing the amount of minimum natural vegetation area from forty (40%) percent to fifty (50%) percent, so that the amended third sentence of Section 2423 shall read as follows:

2423. Coverage Limits:

Maximum lot coverage: fifteen (15%) percent.

Maximum area of impervious materials including structures: fifteen (15%) percent.

Minimum natural vegetation area: fifty (50%) percent.

ARTICLE 19.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town amend Section 2465 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Maximum Building Height in Business and Professional Districts, by deleting the existing section in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

- (a) Residential uses and all uses in the Professional District: to exceed neither three (3) stories nor forty (40') feet;
- (b) All uses allowed in a Business District A: to exceed neither three (3) stories nor forty-five (45') feet;
- (c) Other uses: to exceed neither four (4) stories nor sixty (60') feet.

ARTICLE 20.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town amend Section 2400 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Dimensional Regulations, by adding a new Section 2415, Driveways, as follows:

2415. Driveways. All driveways shall be constructed to provide adequate access for all emergency vehicles as determined by the Town Engineer and Fire Chief. Driveways shall not exceed a grade of ten (10%) percent unless either a special waiver or a service disclaimer is obtained from the Fire Chief.

ARTICLE 21.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws of the Town by adopting the following new Section 4700 under Article IV, Special Regulations, entitled "Natural Gas Custody Transfer Facilities" which shall read as follows:

4700. NATURAL GAS CUSTODY TRANSFER FACILITIES.

4710. Purpose.

The purpose of this regulation is to permit the construction and operation of natural gas custody transfer facilities in the Town of Sharon while minimizing their adverse impact on adjacent properties and residential neighborhoods and limiting the number of such facilities to those which are essential. For the purpose of these by-laws, "natural gas custody transfer facility" shall mean a gate station at which natural gas will be received and reduced in pressure for transfer and introduction into the service system.

4720. General Requirements.

No natural gas custody transfer facility shall be constructed or operated except in compliance with the provisions of this section. In



all cases, a Special Permit is required from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Any proposed material adjustment or renovation of the facility shall be subject to a new application for a Special Permit.

4730.      Application Process.

All applications for a Special Permit for a natural gas custody transfer facilities shall be made and filed on the appropriate form in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Sharon Zoning Board of Appeals. In addition, each applicant must submit the following information as part of its application:

1.    A locus plan at a scale of [1" = 100'] which depicts all property lines, precise locations of proposed structure(s), streets, landscape features, and residential dwellings and buildings, which are within a five hundred (500) foot radius of the proposed facility. The plan shall also identify all abutters to the property as shown on the most recent town assessors map; and
2.    Engineer's certification that the proposed facility complies with all applicable federal and state standards regulating such facilities.

4740.      Special Permit Review.

Applications for a Special Permit for a natural gas custody transfer facility shall be reviewed in accordance with the procedures under Section 6310 of these Zoning By-laws. In addition, every applicant must demonstrate that the proposed natural gas transfer facility provides adequate safeguards to protect the public, control noise and other emissions, and complies with the applicable building height limitations contained in Section 2400 et. seq. of these By-laws.

And to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws of the Town to allow Natural Gas Custody Transfer Facilities in all zoning districts by Special Permit, by adopting the following new sections under Article II, District Regulations, which shall read as follows:

- 2315(c) (4):      Natural gas custody transfer facilities or gate stations as provided in Section 4700.
- 2326(k):      Natural gas custody transfer facilities or gate stations as provided in Section 4700.
- 2334(f):      Natural gas custody transfer facilities or gate stations as provided in Section 4700.
- 2343:      Uses Allowed by Special Permit:
- (a)      Natural gas custody transfer facilities or gate stations as provided in Section 4700.

ARTICLE 22.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town amend Section 3400 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Development Scheduling, by adding the following new provisions to Section 3430, Rate:

One Hundred (100) new building permits allowed in any given two (2) year period. If approvals exceed fifty (50) units in one year, the Building Inspector will allow a maximum of twenty-four (24) lots released from any subdivision in a given calendar year. Exceptions: Low income housing and rebuilding of destroyed homes.

And by deleting the following sections in their entirety: Section 3431, Moderate Building, Section 3432, Rapid Building, and Section 3433, Extremely Rapid Building.

ARTICLE 23.

VOTED: That the Town transfer from the Board of Selectmen for landfill purposes to the Board of Selectmen for recreational purposes the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land located on Mountain Street known as the Mountain Street Landfill, more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 1. The land marked "Frances R. Hudson Land - 24 acres, more or less - Assessors Plan 55R-14" on "Plan of Land in Sharon, Norfolk County, Massachusetts," dated December 1, 1965, by Walter L. Reeve," subject, however, to a twelve (12) foot right-of-way leading northerly from the end of Whippoorwill Road, so-called, and excluding the land marked "George T. Jackson" and the land marked "Henry Thomas."

PARCEL 2. The land marked "Area of this Parcel 5.3 acres, more or less" on the plan above mentioned, subject, however, to a twenty (20) foot right-of-way shown as Whippoorwill Road, and excluding the land marked "Carl L. Thomas" and the land marked "George T. Jackson."

The aforesaid being the land acquired by the Town by Order of Taking dated April 20, 1967, recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds on May 5, 1967.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 20. Votes in the negative 4. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 24.

VOTED: That the Town authorize a revolving fund to be known as the Parking Lot Fund in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½.

The purpose of the fund is to provide and pay for the maintenance, repair, improvement, monitoring, and operation, including payment for public liability coverage for municipal parking lots within the Town that are subject to the control of the Board of Selectmen, including, but not limited to the parking lot located on Pond Street which was accepted at Special Town Meeting on June 21, 1978 by gift of the Sharon Civic Foundation, and/or to purchase or lease additional parking lots, and in general for any traffic control or traffic safety purposes. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be solely derived from the receipt of parking fees and charges. The Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to administer and expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2001 shall not exceed the balance to be deposited in the fund during FY 2001 and in any event shall not exceed fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars.

ARTICLE 25.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to authorize the Board of Selectmen to cause to be placed on the official ballot used in Sharon by the registered voters for the election of officers at an annual town meeting the following question: "Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized to grant licenses to restaurants and function rooms having a seating capacity of not less than 50 persons for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale, and all other malt beverages)," and further to take such other actions in connection with said petition as said Board may deem necessary and appropriate.

ARTICLE 26.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town amend the Scenic Roads Section of the General By-laws of the Town so as to include Morse Street in the list of scenic roads designated by the Town in accordance with the provisions of Section 15C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 27.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, a gift of easement from Harry M. Berg and Ruth A. Berg over a private way known as Van Norden Road, in the form on file with the Town Clerk. The easement is shown on a plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land in Sharon, Mass." by Norwood Engineering Co., Inc. dated February 7, 1985 recorded in the Norfolk



Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 683 of 1985 in Plan Book 323. This easement is to be acquired in order to provide emergency access to the Mink Trap Estates subdivision, as required by the Planning Board.

MEETING DISSOLVED AT 10:50 P.M.

Attendance: 304

ATTEST:

MARLENE B. CHUSED

SHARON TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
NOVEMBER 13, 2000

ARTICLE		APPROPRIATION	BORROWING
1	RATTLESNAKE/MANSFIELD ST. ACQUISITION	12,775,000.00	12,775,000.00
3	SENIOR CENTER DESIGN	225,000.00	225,000.00
4	WILBER SCHOOL SETTLEMENT	540,000.00	540,000.00
5	WILBER/TOWN HALL FEASIBILITY STUDY	180,000.00	180,000.00
8	SCHOOL WIDE FEASIBILITY STUDY	150,000.00	150,000.00
10	PORTABLE CLASSROOM	200,000.00	200,000.00
11	EAST SEPTIC SYS PHASE 1	165,000.00	165,000.00
	TOTAL	<u>14,235,000.00</u>	<u>14,235,000.00</u>

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2000

ARTICLE		APPROPRIATION	BORROWING
1	COTTAGE ST.DESIGN	<u>350,000.00</u>	<u>350,000.00</u>
	TOTAL		350,000.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Norman Katz, Chair  
Walter "Joe" Roach  
Allen M. Garf

Benjamin E. Puritz, Town Administrator  
Katherine A. Byrne, Administrative Secretary  
Linda V. Morse, Part-Time Secretary to the Board

The May election saw former Selectman Allen M. Garf elected to the Board of Selectmen. Following the annual election, as is custom, the Board reorganized and voted Norman Katz, Chair, and Walter "Joe" Roach, Clerk of the Board.

Notable events and activities which occurred in 2000, year one of the new millennium, included:

I. Fiscal and Operational

More than sixteen hundred voters attended the November 13 Special Town meeting filling the Arthur E. Collins auditorium and high school gymnasium with the overflow accommodated in the cafeteria at Sharon High School. Affirmative action was taken with respect to the acquisition for "open space" of an approximate 340-acre parcel between Mountain Street and Bay Road, including "Rattlesnake Hill," and 91 acres off of Mansfield Street known as "King Philip's" rock. \$12,775,000 was appropriated at the Special Town Meeting for both properties, subject to the Town voting, at a subsequent Special Election (scheduled for February 13, 2001), to ratify the Special Town Meeting appropriation by exempting the debt to be incurred from acquiring these properties from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½. The state has "pledged" two million dollars toward the above purchase over a four-year period.

- Adjourned sessions of this Special Town Meeting held on November 14 and 20, also voted to advance several long anticipated significant projects (e.g., Senior Center, Wilber School, Public Safety complex, South Walpole Street aquifer protection land acquisition) for which greater detail will be provided in later sections of this report.
- The assessed value of town-wide real estate increased to \$1,637,738,800 or by some 26.6%, which is a reflection of the continued high desirability of Sharon as a community and the prolonged healthy economy. The above caused the property tax rate to decrease by 15 2/3% from \$20.68 to



17.44 per thousand valuation; however, to meet town meeting authorized appropriations, including an \$850,713 School Department proposition 2 ½ ballot approved general override, most property tax bills increased.

- Five (5) new paramedics/firefighters joined the Fire Department, which allowed for the upgrading of emergency medical services to Advanced Life Support level, thereby assuring the highest level of care to the community.
- Seniors provided in excess of 1,031.25 hours of valuable services through the Town's property tax reduction program at various departments including the Selectmen's Office, School Department, Library, Fire Department, Disabilities Commission, Department of Public Works, Board of Assessors, Town Clerk and Council on Aging.
- Ongoing participation in the Southeastern Regional Services Group procurement program resulted in office and DPW supplies savings of \$ 131,713.

## II Community Participation and Cooperation with Other Departments

- Initiated reconstitution of the Government Study Committee by contacting other appointing authorities for the immediate purpose of evaluating restructuring of Town Government by changing the present "open" town meeting to a representative town meeting format (and other matters that may come before them).
- Reactivated public information briefings by Town Departments, Boards/Committees at Board of Selectmen meetings as well as revision of the Board of Selectmen's committee appointment/reappointment policy to encourage increased opportunities for volunteer service.
- Ceased further cellular facilities installation leases in deference to citizen concerns and until the Planning Board presents proposed bylaw modifications to the Town meeting (expected May 2001).
- Two replacement Town flags were received thanks to the skilled artistry of Sharon resident Laura Rosenspan.
- Staff from various departments participated in the annual Employee Development Day which included programs on "Motivation and Self Esteem" and "Assertiveness Training"

presented by professional trainers affiliated with the Town's Employee Assistance Program.

- Through participation in the "Buy Recycled" program, the Town received a payment of \$16,194 based on tonnage of recycled material.
- Conversion of the cable TV system to fiber optics was completed by AT&T Broadband, Inc., which began offering so called "bundled," video, data (Internet), and telephone digital services.
- Developed an off-school premises High School student parking program through a user-fee-supported lease of Temple Young Israel property located between Cottage and Ames Street and otherwise involved in related community issues through participation in the Youth Coalition.

### III Planning, Environmental and Facility Improvements and Ongoing Projects

- Three major detailed feasibility studies commenced regarding: 1) the Wilber School for use as a municipal center accommodating an expanded public library, Town and School administrative offices; 2) a Senior Center at the Sacred Heart property by Deborah Sampson Park; and 3) preliminary evaluation of the present Town Offices for a Public Safety Complex providing Police and Fire/Emergency medical services.
- Efforts to acquire property off South Walpole Street through utilizing \$340,000 of grant monies for aquifer protection continued with the State extending the deadline for conveyance of the property to the Town to mid-February 2001.
- An additional 102 railroad station parking spaces for Town residents were completed featuring an enhanced drainage system with environmental protection measures.
- Post Office Square revitalization ongoing improvements included creation of an additional twenty two off-street parking spaces, installation of period style lighting and two brick walkway connectors.
- Citizen cooperation was instrumental in realizing a very successful outside watering conservation program. Both overall consumption and peak demand were managed through a combination of a twice weekly, with hourly restrictions, outside watering program, assuring adequate water storage reserves for firefighting requirements.

- Installation of the temporary Depot Street Bridge was completed in March and the dismantling of the old structure was near completion at year end. The Town has been advised that this State Highway Department project is scheduled to be completed, except for finish landscaping, by the close of 2001.
- Well #8 site (off Chase Drive), Draft Environmental Impact report was filed with the state with various comments and concerns noted; which (as part of the permitting review process) will be responded to in the Final Environmental Impact Report.
- Mountain Street storage tank and high pressure district preliminary design progressed to the point that construction funding from Water Department generated revenue for this \$4 million project will be sought at the 2001 annual meeting.
- Former landfill site (also on Mountain Street) was evaluated by engineering consultants for athletic fields suitability and redevelopment costs. Findings will be presented early in 2001 to the Board of Selectmen, Recreation Advisory Committee and, if determined to be feasible, to the Capital Outlay and Finance Committees.
- Main Street road improvements and amenities project design has been completed; however, state planning agencies have rescheduled the construction startup from 2001 to 2003. The Town is committed to moving this project forward as quickly as possible and is working with our legislators and relevant state agencies in this regard.
- Beach Street roadway and sidewalk construction in excess of 2000 linear feet was completed providing evident vehicular and pedestrian safety improvements.
- Lake Massapoag water quality for swimming test results continued to be generally excellent and the Town received a Lakes & Pond grant to assess pond sediment characteristics and dredging feasibility.

The Board of Selectmen appreciates the input provided by citizens and encourages that any concerns be directed to the Selectmen's Office or any Board member. Finally, and most importantly, the Board wishes to express its gratitude to residents who have generously served their community this past year; were it not for their invaluable assistance, we truly would not be able to best serve the Town's interest.



# **TOWN CLERK**

**MARLENE B. CHUSED - TOWN CLERK**  
**BETH A. KOURAFAS - ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**  
**LYNNE M. CALLANAN - SECRETARY**

## **VITAL STATISTICS**

<b>BIRTHS RECORDED</b>	<b><u>2000</u></b>	<b><u>1999</u></b>	<b><u>1998</u></b>	<b><u>1997</u></b>
<b>MALE</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>221</b>
<b>MARRIAGES RECORDED</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>DEATHS RECORDED</b>				
<b>MALE</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>98</b>

## **VOTER REGISTRATION**

**REGISTRARS: MARLENE B. CHUSED, EARL GASHIN, C.A. JIMMY JEMMOTT,**  
**MARY E. LINDBERG,**

<b>PREC.</b>	<b>DEMOCRAT</b>	<b>REPUBLICAN</b>	<b>LIBERTARIAN</b>	<b>INTER. REFORM</b>	<b>UNENROLLED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
				<b>3RD</b>		
				<b>PARTY</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1088 2237</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1407 2514</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1256 2313</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1380 2494</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1423 2457</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4201</b>	<b>1216</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6554 12015</b>

Joan M. Leighton, Town Accountant  
Eileen M. Generazzo, Assistant Accountant  
Patricia A. MacDougall, Secretary  
Nancy Pungitore, Secretary

A report of cash receipts and expenditures for the twelve-month period ending June 30, 2000  
with the statement of the Town's indebtedness.

TAXES		RECEIPTS
Personal Property		\$494,165.90
Real Estate		\$26,093,766.31
Deferred Taxes		\$11,117.96
Tax Liens		\$304,672.37
Motor Vehicle Excise		\$2,179,752.53
Interest on Real Estate Taxes		\$113,065.43
Interest on Tax Lien Redemptions		\$87,107.55
Interest on Special Assessment		\$5,144.14
In Lieu of Taxes		\$1,765.44
Occupancy Tax		\$112,525.00
Roll Back Taxes		\$2,665.55
TOTAL TAXES		\$29,405,748.18
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		
Recreation Fees		\$41,061.56
Recreation Rentals		\$17,521.76
Recreation Permits		\$39,095.00
Departmental Charges		\$6,090.31
Surcharges		\$16,616.20
Other Fees		\$62,890.15
TOTAL CHARGES		\$183,274.98
LICENSES AND PERMITS		
Alcoholic Beverage Licenses		\$10,045.00
Licenses and Permits		\$204,598.13
TOTAL LICENSES AND PERMITS		\$214,643.13
STATE REVENUE		
*Elderly Persons Exemp. CL41		\$7,562.00
*Lottery, Beano, etc. CH29		\$1,370,385.00
*Local Aid Add'l Assistance		\$78,642.00
Loss Taxes - Land Taking		\$82,776.00
Veterans Exemption 22A		\$24,918.00
Police Career Incentive		\$108,627.00
State Highway Fund Ch 81 & 577		\$385,733.95
State Grant Revenue - Billings Street		\$262,400.00
TOTAL STATE		\$2,321,043.95
FINES		
Court Fines		\$65,017.50

Library Fines	\$17,562.97	
Other Fines	\$13,557.25	
TOTAL FINES		\$96,137.72

#### MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

Interest on Deposits	\$415,943.91	
Interest on Bonds Sold	\$6,745.00	
Life Insurance Dividends	\$4,342.00	
Premium on Loan	\$11,815.50	
Sale of Inventory	\$4,360.00	
Excise Tax Prior To 1987	\$783.37	
Premium from Sale of Bonds	\$1,990.07	
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,057.28	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		\$447,037.13

#### EDUCATION

School Departmental	\$729.48
School Departmental Medicare	\$75,207.00
School Construction CH645	\$494,936.00
Transportation CH71	\$106,179.00
School Aid CH70	\$4,517,494.00
School Choice Reimbursement	\$27,368.00
Charter School Reimbursement	\$54,737.00
School Lunch	\$566,457.74
Athletic Revolving	\$92,904.26
Adult Education	\$59,474.49
Metco	\$213,064.82
Summer School	\$108,304.00
Clinical Services	\$276,241.00
Comm. Ed. - School Trips	\$12,379.00
Comm. Ed. - Afternoon Care	\$35,679.21
Comm. Ed. - Before School	\$30,693.56
Comm. Ed. - After School Care	\$522,588.69
Comm. Ed. - Technical	\$39,795.00
Drug Free School	\$13,913.00
Title 1	\$101,367.00
ECIA Chapter 2	\$8,171.00
IEP Training	\$3,300.00
Cont to Teach	\$21,460.00
SPED Tuition Revolving	\$43,334.52
School Bus Transportation Revolving	\$252,147.86
School Rental Revolving	\$12,553.75
Smoking Cessation	\$72,536.00
Community Service Learning	\$50,000.00
Teacher Training	\$8,929.00
Violence Prevention	\$5,773.00
SAFE Schools	\$2,000.00
SPED Inclusion	\$13,964.00
Class Size Reduction	\$20,500.00



Future Educators	\$2,000.00	
Norfolk Cty Truancy Grant	\$2,350.00	
TOTAL EDUCATION		\$7,868,531.38

#### SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Chapter 90 Highway Fund	\$650,238.87	
Arts Lottery Council	\$6,620.00	
Polling Hours	\$1,000.00	
Police DARE Grant	\$13,000.00	
Cops More	(\$14,794.00)	
Community Policing Grant	\$25,000.00	
Fast Cops Grant	\$40,555.00	
Bullet Proof Vest Grant	\$1,578.00	
Watch Your Car Grant	\$675.00	
Norfolk Cty Sheriffs Grant	\$1,000.00	
NORPAC	\$2,187.56	
Fire Safety Awareness Grant	\$4,739.26	
Urban Forest Grant	\$3,327.28	
Hammershop Pond Grant	\$14,500.00	
Municipal Equalization Grant	\$7,186.70	
Library Incentive Grant	\$12,450.54	
Library Off-Set Grant	\$1,853.86	
COA Formula Grant	\$10,790.00	
COA Donation	\$7,800.00	
Ride for Kids Donation	\$2,500.00	
Community Center Donation	\$5,542.00	
Septic Repair Loan Program	\$110,000.00	
Septic Loan Program	\$26,205.32	
Wetland Protection	\$2,787.63	
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		\$936,743.02

#### REVOLVING ACCOUNTS

Gun Licensing Revolving	\$2,740.00	
Street Opening Revolving	\$5,075.00	
Recreation Revolving	\$127,183.80	
Railroad Parking Revolving	\$177,785.35	
Recycling Fund Revolving	\$20,753.01	
Animal Assistance Fund	\$720.00	
Conservation Advertising Fund	\$800.00	
Disability Commission Revolving	\$526.25	
Cable Relicensing	\$3,237.00	
HAZMAT	\$12,361.01	
Needy Family Revolving	\$200.00	
Library Material Replacement	\$2,667.39	
Library Public Use Supply Revolving	\$785.85	
Tax Title Revolving	\$47,887.91	
TOTAL REVOLVING ACCOUNTS		\$402,722.57

PUBLIC WATER SERVICE		
Water Rates	\$1,538,163.23	
Liens A/R	\$56,482.40	
Other	\$64,216.12	
TOTAL PUBLIC WATER SERVICE		\$1,658,861.75
AMBULANCE SERVICE		
Ambulance Charges	\$100,644.31	
TOTAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		\$100,644.31
TRUST FUNDS		
Cemetery Trust Fund Interest	\$521.63	
Library Trust Fund Interest	\$527.55	
Dorchester Surplus Interest	\$175.17	
Sharon Friends School Trust Interest	\$683.37	
Griffith Fund Interest	\$12.61	
Kendall Trust Interest	\$3,936.51	
Apple Valley Trust Interest	\$1,119.38	
Griffin Educational Trust Interest	\$279.85	
Rattlesnake Hill Trust Interest	\$56.67	
Conservation Trust	\$16,907.68	
Stabilization Fund	\$280.08	
Insurance Claims Trust	\$2,889,425.22	
Workmen's Compensation Trust	\$59,654.39	
Refuse Collection Trust	\$266,124.72	
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS		\$3,239,704.83
AGENCY FUNDS		
High School Activity	\$262,594.14	
Middle School Activity	\$125,445.46	
TOTAL AGENCY FUND		\$388,039.60
BORROWINGS AND TRANSFERS		
Authorized Loans - General Fund	\$3,270,112.00	
Transfer - Recycling from Refuse	\$32,409.34	
Transfer - General Fund from Ambulance	\$152,150.00	
Transfer - Conservation Fund from General	\$25,000.00	
TOTAL BORROWING & TRANSFERS		\$3,479,671.34
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$50,742,803.89

CASH EXPENDITURES  
JULY 1, 1999 - JUNE 30, 2000

GENERAL ACCOUNTS	SALARIES	EXPENSES	TOTAL
Selectmen	\$171,200.60	\$18,392.68	\$189,593.28
Selectmen Enc.		\$2,504.33	\$2,504.33
Landfill Closing		\$11,907.89	\$11,907.89
Billings St Land Purchase		\$328,315.36	\$328,315.36
Space Needs Study		\$9,820.38	\$9,820.38
Selectmen Equipment FY2000		\$14,105.00	\$14,105.00
Wilbur Feasibility		\$26,591.19	\$26,591.19
Unemployment Fund		\$37,768.57	\$37,768.57
Norfolk County Retirement		\$1,105,216.00	\$1,105,216.00
Accountant	\$145,879.49	\$3,463.85	\$149,343.34
Accountant Enc.		\$1,799.13	\$1,799.13
Annual Audit		\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
Treasurer/Collector	\$215,351.35	\$46,327.29	\$261,678.64
Treasurers Enc.		\$6,159.11	\$6,159.11
Data Processing	\$71,169.56	\$53,976.47	\$125,146.03
Data Processing Enc.		\$8,129.45	\$8,129.45
Data Processing FY99		\$1,414.00	\$1,414.00
Data Processing FY00		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Assessors	\$128,028.15	\$44,660.93	\$172,689.08
Assessors Enc.		\$171.73	\$171.73
Assessors Software		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Finance Committee	\$2,017.11	\$386.68	\$2,403.79
Town Clerk	\$76,072.35	\$6,425.39	\$82,497.74
Town Clerk Enc.		\$1,274.23	\$1,274.23
Law		\$117,700.00	\$117,700.00
Elections & Registrations	\$34,667.30	\$23,048.62	\$57,715.92
Voting Equipment 94		\$4,239.63	\$4,239.63
Elections & Registrations Enc.		\$2,500.19	\$2,500.19
Conservation	\$28,076.06	\$5,406.92	\$33,482.98
Conservation Enc.		\$42.59	\$42.59
Lake Management		\$21.89	\$21.89
Planning Board	\$4,343.26	\$9,770.74	\$14,114.00
Personnel Board	\$2,848.51	\$284.53	\$3,133.04
Personnel Board Enc		\$52.00	\$52.00
Board of Appeals	\$2,633.10	\$7,297.21	\$9,930.31
Board of Appeals Enc		\$32.00	\$32.00
Police	\$1,871,815.03	\$117,187.34	\$1,989,002.37
Police Enc.		\$82,504.98	\$82,504.98
Fire	\$1,070,074.79	\$72,833.21	\$1,142,908.00
Fire Enc.		\$10,418.06	\$10,418.06
Fire Equipment 00		\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00



Ambulance	\$75,937.94	\$137,558.07	\$213,496.01
Sealer of Weights	\$1,500.00	\$271.12	\$1,771.12
Animal Control	\$33,783.21	\$6,899.94	\$40,683.15
Animal Control Enc.		\$636.58	\$636.58
Animal Inspector	\$750.00		\$750.00
Civil Defense		\$8,336.37	\$8,336.37
Civil Defense Enc		\$950.00	\$950.00
Health	\$96,321.26	\$69,248.34	\$165,569.60
Health Enc.		6907.33	\$6,907.33
Dept. of Public Works	\$1,233,518.88	\$347,509.35	\$1,581,028.23
DPW Enc.		\$50,847.15	\$50,847.15
DPW Equipment 1996		\$5,474.08	\$5,474.08
DPW Equipment 1999		\$77,794.81	\$77,794.81
DPW Roads & Sidewalks 1999		\$722,942.27	\$722,942.27
DPW Equipment 2000		\$163,000.00	\$163,000.00
DPW Roads & Sidewalks 2000		\$26,700.00	\$26,700.00
DPW Public Ways		\$326,872.97	\$326,872.97
Street Acceptances		\$227.50	\$227.50
Sacred Heart Asbestos Removal		\$1,090.00	\$1,090.00
Street Lights		\$225,898.12	\$225,898.12
Street Lights Enc.		\$37,472.67	\$37,472.67
Library	\$418,939.64	\$159,707.31	\$578,646.95
Library Repairs 96		\$416.25	\$416.25
Library Projects 98		\$1,426.00	\$1,426.00
Library Repairs 99		\$875.00	\$875.00
Library Equipment 2000		\$26,728.69	\$26,728.69
Parks & Recreation	\$250,988.77	\$49,417.38	\$300,406.15
Recreation Projects 1998		\$3,394.74	\$3,394.74
Recreation Remodeling 1999		\$185,936.56	\$185,936.56
Recreation Remodeling 2000		\$2,654.25	\$2,654.25
Historical Commission		\$150.00	\$150.00
Town Report	\$259.60	\$6,790.40	\$7,050.00
Insurance		\$2,294,539.00	\$2,294,539.00
Council on Aging	\$133,985.97	\$8,372.03	\$142,358.00
Council on Aging RE Tax Vouchers		\$3,246.77	\$3,246.77
Council on Aging Enc.		\$2,387.13	\$2,387.13
Disabilities Commission		\$122.99	\$122.99
Veterans	\$10,199.00	\$6,041.31	\$16,240.31
Veterans Encumbered		\$965.14	\$965.14
Veterans Graves		\$1,435.44	\$1,435.44
Community Celebrations		\$782.33	\$782.33
Interest		\$1,345,717.00	\$1,345,717.00
Debt		\$3,468,739.00	\$3,468,739.00
County Tax		\$107,463.00	\$107,463.00
Special Education		\$676.00	\$676.00
Mosquito Control		\$40,603.00	\$40,603.00
MV Excise Billing		\$5,355.00	\$5,355.00
Air Pollution		\$4,518.00	\$4,518.00
Metropolitan Area Planning Bd		\$5,883.00	\$5,883.00

MBTA	\$450,204.00	\$450,204.00
Charter School	\$127,680.00	\$127,680.00
School Choice	\$4,550.00	\$4,550.00
Medicare	\$220,000.00	\$220,000.00
Social Security	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00

TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNTS	\$6,080,360.93	\$13,032,862.96	\$19,113,223.89
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## WATER SERVICE

Water Department	\$687,354.25	\$354,535.02	\$1,041,889.27
Water Enc.		\$426,481.97	\$426,481.97
Hampton Road Tank Repairs		\$37,318.79	\$37,318.79
TOTAL WATER SERVICE	\$687,354.25	\$818,335.78	\$1,505,690.03

## SPECIAL REVENUE - CH. 90

Chapter 90	\$376,575.11	\$376,575.11
TOTAL CHAPTER 90	\$376,575.11	\$376,575.11

## SPECIAL REVENUE

Arts Lottery		\$4,420.00	\$4,420.00
Police DARE Grant	\$9,163.81	\$5,933.56	\$15,097.37
Community Policing Gt.	\$14,384.88	\$2,273.42	\$16,658.30
Fast Cops	\$8,130.16		\$8,130.16
Cops More		\$21,313.00	\$21,313.00
Drug Interdiction	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
Watch Your Car Grant		\$548.93	\$548.93
Sheriff's Grant		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Fire Safety Awareness	\$4,367.78	\$371.48	\$4,739.26
Hazardous Materials	\$12,186.97		\$12,186.97
NORPAC	\$244.83	\$317.06	\$561.89
May Storm		\$23,967.50	\$23,967.50
Urban Forest Grant	\$155.00		\$155.00
Water Pollution Grant		\$6,274.78	\$6,274.78
Septic Repair Loan Program		\$76,154.85	\$76,154.85
Needy Family Fund		\$74.30	\$74.30
Municipal Equalization Gt.		\$3,716.32	\$3,716.32
Library Incentive Gt.		\$11,151.21	\$11,151.21
Library Off-Set		\$7,875.29	\$7,875.29
Library Material Replacement		\$1,221.48	\$1,221.48
Library Supplies Revolving		\$283.77	\$283.77
Ride for Kids Donation		\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00

Community Center Donation		\$5,542.00	\$5,542.00
COA Formula Gt.		\$10,790.50	\$10,790.50
COA Donation	\$7,118.67		\$7,118.67
COA United Way Grant		\$191.90	\$191.90
Railroad Parking Revolving	\$13,490.88	\$161,000.66	\$174,491.54
Recycling Revolving		\$87,976.59	\$87,976.59
Animal Assistance Fund		\$396.63	\$396.63
Recreation Revolving		\$122,831.54	\$122,831.54
Tax Title Revolving	\$41,348.48	\$336.00	\$41,684.48
Gun Licensing Revolving		\$461.41	\$461.41
Wetlands Protection Fund	\$115.88	\$2,290.00	\$2,405.88
Conservation Advertising Fund		\$588.77	\$588.77
Lyons Settlement		\$800.00	\$800.00
Cable Relicensing Revolving		\$1,756.32	\$1,756.32
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$113,707.34</b>	<b>\$564,459.27</b>	<b>\$678,166.61</b>

#### EDUCATION

School	\$14,675,226.48	\$4,249,747.91	\$18,924,974.39
School Enc.	\$907,905.26		\$907,905.26
Southeastern Regional		\$51,803.00	\$51,803.00
Vocational Tuition		\$11,487.00	\$11,487.00
High School Expansion		(\$25,031.40)	(\$25,031.40)
School Projects 1996		\$16,421.70	\$16,421.70
School Projects 1997		\$81,922.62	\$81,922.62
School Projects 1998		\$283,122.47	\$283,122.47
School Projects 1999		\$57,444.01	\$57,444.01
School Projects 2000		\$517,420.64	\$517,420.64
Cottage St School Library		\$49,273.45	\$49,273.45
School Fields		\$182,219.00	\$182,219.00
School Dept Old Year Bills		\$59,473.02	\$59,473.02
Metco	\$125,117.26	\$89,227.46	\$214,344.72
Smoking Cessation	\$74,190.10	\$2,888.41	\$77,078.51
Community Service Learning	\$34,353.04	\$14,929.26	\$49,282.30
Drug Free Schools	\$6,625.00	\$5,160.90	\$11,785.90
Project Continue to Teach	\$19,016.74	\$1,514.48	\$20,531.22
Clinical Services	\$262,144.50	\$18,848.09	\$280,992.59
Title I	\$91,239.87	\$8,593.79	\$99,833.66
ECIA Chapter 2		\$7,080.80	\$7,080.80
Staff Training-Eisenhower	\$2,660.00	\$5,393.62	\$8,053.62
SPED Inclusion Grant		\$10,754.06	\$10,754.06
Safe Schools		\$1,393.00	\$1,393.00
Violence Prevention	\$500.00	\$4,153.90	\$4,653.90
Instructional Technical Grant	\$1,785.00	\$18,883.08	\$20,668.08
Community Service Donation		\$449.89	\$449.89
Gay/Straight Alliance		\$3,425.00	\$3,425.00
Portfolio Assessment		\$1,009.00	\$1,009.00
Class Size Reduction	\$19,450.46	\$69.29	\$19,519.75

Future Educators		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Tri-County Partnership Grant		\$720.35	\$720.35
School Lunch - School Food Service	\$219,478.21	\$363,144.61	\$582,622.82
Athletic Revolving	\$12,470.35	\$81,638.25	\$94,108.60
Adult Education	\$34,720.81	\$18,083.75	\$52,804.56
Summer School	\$101,063.65		\$101,063.65
SPED Tuition Revolving	\$18,515.86	\$18,093.24	\$36,609.10
School Rental Revolving		\$13,020.09	\$13,020.09
Summer Handicapped	\$192.78		\$192.78
School Transportation Revolving		\$187,777.66	\$187,777.66
Community Ed-Trips	\$493.75	\$14,748.50	\$15,242.25
Community Ed-Afternoon Care	\$19,476.54	\$15,134.50	\$34,611.04
Community Ed-Before School Care	\$8,479.97	\$17,326.00	\$25,805.97
Community Ed-After School Care	\$365,381.42	\$156,223.44	\$521,604.86
Community Ed-Technical Fund		\$29,584.47	\$29,584.47
 TOTAL EDUCATION	 \$17,000,487.05	 \$6,646,572.31	 \$23,647,059.36

#### TRUST FUNDS

Kendall Trust		\$3,454.00	\$3,454.00
Griffin Education Trust		\$300.00	\$300.00
Insurance Claims Trust		\$3,311,282.54	\$3,311,282.54
Workmen's Compensation Trust		\$134,079.37	\$134,079.37
Refuse Collection Trust		\$228,801.55	\$228,801.55
Conservation Trust		\$15,267.20	\$15,267.20
 TOTAL TRUST FUNDS		 \$3,693,184.66	 \$3,693,184.66

#### AGENCY FUNDS

Middle School Activity		\$120,783.67	\$120,783.67
High School Activity	\$8,031.87	\$159,568.83	\$167,600.70
 TOTAL AGENCY	 \$8,031.87	 \$280,352.50	 \$288,384.37

#### TRANSFERS

Ambulance to the General Fund		\$152,150.00	\$152,150.00
Refuse Collection Trust to Recycling		\$32,409.34	\$32,409.34
General Fund to Conservation		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
General Fund to Agency		\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
 TOTAL TRANSFERS		 \$224,559.34	 \$224,559.34

GRAND TOTAL	\$23,889,941.44	\$25,636,901.93	\$49,526,843.37
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TOWN OF SHARON  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS  
JUNE 30, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types		Proprietary	Fiduciary	Account
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fund Type	Group
Assets				Trust & Agency	Long-Term Debt
					(Memorandum only)
Cash	10,335,394.31	3,247,297.64		1,804,481.86	15,387,173.81
Petty Cash	375.00				
Investments					
Investments of deferred compensation					
Receivables:					
Real estate taxes	474,950.71				474,950.71
Personal property taxes	15,348.28				15,348.28
Tax liens and foreclosures	1,078,352.99				1,078,352.99
Water charges receivable		237,642.19			237,642.19
Water liens		3,757.71			3,757.71
Betterments		143,355.99			143,355.99
Motor vehicle excise and other excise	224,070.62				224,070.62
Departmental and other	1,751.82	230,362.99		19,921.19	252,036.00
Intergovernmental	132,274.00	443,788.68			576,062.68
Allowance for abatements and exemption	(965,908.96)				(965,908.96)
Due from other funds					
Amount to be provided for payment of long-term obligations					28,505,000.00
28,505,000.00					
Total Assets	11,296,608.77	4,306,205.20	-	1,824,403.05	28,505,000.00
					45,932,217.02

TOWN OF SHARON  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS  
JUNE 30, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary	Fiduciary	Account	(Memorandum only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	Fund Type	Fund Type	Group	
				<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Trust &amp; Agency</u>	<u>Long-Term Debt</u>	
Liabilities and Fund Equity							
Liabilities							
Warrants Payable	857,977.31	125,535.54			286,604.89		1,270,117.74
Accrued payroll and withholdings	(900.00)				46,541.87		45,641.87
Anticipation notes payable	206,600.00						206,600.00
Deferred Revenue	955,765.46	1,058,907.56			19,921.19		2,034,594.21
Deposits held in custody	142,553.88						142,553.88
Other liabilities							
Due to other funds		181,435.00					181,435.00
General Obligation bonds						28,505,000.00	28,505,000.00
Total Liabilities	2,161,996.65	1,365,878.10			353,067.95	28,505,000.00	32,385,942.70
Fund Equity							
Fund Balance:							
Reserved:							
Reserved for encumbrances	1,438,198.39	347,612.73					1,785,811.12
Reserved for continuing appropriations	3,428,122.91	227,026.81					3,655,149.72
Reserved for expenditures	1,523,484.00						1,523,484.00
Reserved for appropriation		26,205.32					
Reserved for petty cash							
Unreserved:							
Over/under assessments	(9,059.00)						(9,059.00)
End of year adjustment							-
Appropriation deficit	2,753,865.82	2,339,482.24			1,471,335.10		6,564,683.16
Undesignated							
Total Fund Equity	9,134,612.12	2,940,327.10			1,471,335.10		13,546,274.32
Total Liab. & Fund Equity	11,296,608.77	4,306,205.20			1,824,403.05	28,505,000.00	45,932,217.02

## TABLE OF FIXED DEBT

June 30, 2000

*BANK	LOAN/DATE	AMOUNT	RATE	MATURITY	OUTSTANDING June 30, 2000	PRINCIPAL DUE FY01	INTEREST DUE FY01	DEBT
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Nov. 1, 1991 (1499-010)	3,095,000.00	VAR.	11/01/2001	395,000.00	225,000.00	16,102.50	113
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Jan. 15, 1994 (1499-012)	6,270,000.00	VAR.	07/15/2013	4,225,000.00	350,000.00	185,825.00	115
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Feb. 1, 1995	5,922,000.00	VAR.	02/01/2013	2,990,000.00	285,000.00	173,305.00	116
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Dec. 1, 1995 (1499-013)	2,413,000.00	VAR.	12/01/2005	1,060,000.00	225,000.00	41,135.00	117
C.	Municipal Purpose Loan Dec 15, 1996 (1499-014)	2,775,000.00	VAR.	12/15/2006	1,100,000.00	550,000.00	47,225.00	118
D.	Municipal Purpose Loan Jan. 15, 1998 (1449-015)	8,870,000.00	VAR.	01/15/2018	7,270,000.00	800,000.00	328,837.50	119
E.	Municipal Purpose Loan Mar. 15, 1999	8,895,000.00	VAR.	03/15/2018	8,145,000.00	730,000.00	341,115.00	120
F.	Municipal Purpose Loan Mar. 15, 2000	3,270,000.00	VAR.	03/15/2011	3,270,000.00	540,000.00	161,880.00	121
G.	Septic Loan Aug. 1, 1999	200,000.00	0%	08/01/2018	<u>200,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	None
<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>28,655,000.00</b>	<b>3,705,000.00</b>	<b>1,295,425.00</b>	

\*Bank A.=Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.  
Codes B.=State Street Bank & Trust Co.  
C.=Fidelity Capitol Markets  
D.=Fleet  
E.=BankBoston  
F.=Corby North Bridge Securities  
G.=MA Water Pollution Abatement Trust



## **Office Of The Collector**

Robert J. Uyttebroek, Town Collector  
Elizabeth A. Siemiakaska, Assistant Collector  
Jean A. Noughton, Collections Supervisor

Patricia A. Morrison, Senior Bookkeeper - Treasury / Collections  
Caryl D. Antonio, Senior Bookkeeper - Treasury / Collections  
Patricia T. Lesco, Junior Bookkeeper / Secretary

## **Office Of The Treasurer**

Robert J. Uyttebroek, Town Treasurer  
Judith K. Doo, Assistant Treasurer  
Sharon W. Collins, Payroll Supervisor

## **Department of Data Processing**

Robert J. Uyttebroek, Manager of Information Systems  
Donald P. Hillegass, Systems Administrator  
Barry R. Zlotin, Technical Support Specialist

The Office of the Collector is responsible for the collection of all taxes and excises assessed by the Board of Assessors, and usage fees assessed by the Water Department, and School Departments. The Office also properly records and accounts for all funds received. On the occasion of a tax delinquency, the Office prepares and processes tax takings. The Office of the Treasurer receives all Town revenues according to departmental turn-in schedules. The Office properly accounts for these receipts to the Town Accountant and the investment of these funds. The Office distributes all disbursements to Town employees and vendors. The Office processes payroll for over 1,000 employees and administers all employee benefits. The Office is responsible for the planning, negotiations, and settlement of all temporary and permanent debt. The Department of Data Processing maintains the operation of all computer hardware and peripherals, and sustains and administers the various software programs that support the financials, collections, assessed valuations, property records, census, and water usage. The Department creates applications to support other activities as needed within the Town.

### **Temporary Borrowings Issued in FY00:**

Bond Anticipation Note of \$1,853,000 issued 16 September 1999 and retired 30 March 2000.  
Revenue Anticipation Note of \$5,000,000 issued 19 November 1999 and retired 14 January 2000.  
Bond Anticipation Note of \$47,000 issued 5 May 2000 and retired 31 March 2001.  
State Aid Anticipation Note of \$389,600 issued 17 May 1999 and renewed 16 August 1999.  
State Aid Anticipation Note of \$389,600 issued 16 August 1999 and renewed 15 November 1999.  
State Aid Anticipation Note of \$389,600 issued 15 November 1999 and renewed 14 February 2000.  
State Aid Anticipation Note of \$389,600 issued 14 February 2000 and renewed 15 May 2000.  
State Aid Anticipation Note of \$389,600 issued 15 May 2000 and retired 15 November 2000.

**Permanent Debt Issued in FY00:**

Date of Issue: 31 March 2000

	<u>Amount</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Issued</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Maturity</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>Interest</u> <u>Costs</u>
<b>Authorized on 10 May 1999:</b>				
<b>Board of Assessors</b>				
Computer Hardware	\$10,000	\$10,000	15-Mar-04	\$1,220
<b>Board of Library Trustees</b>				
Microfilm Reader	\$9,200	\$9,200	15-Mar-02	\$670
Library Renovations	\$62,300	\$62,300	15-Mar-09	\$12,345
	\$71,500	\$71,500		\$13,015
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>				
Photocopier	\$20,000	\$20,000	15-Mar-04	\$2,440
<b>Fire</b>				
Bucket Truck	\$56,000	\$56,000	15-Mar-04	\$6,741
Rescue Air Bags	\$5,300	\$5,300	15-Mar-04	\$638
	\$61,300	\$61,300		\$7,379
<b>Police</b>				
Police Station Rehabilitation	\$130,000	\$130,000	15-Mar-09	\$31,320
<b>Public Works</b>				
Curb & Sidewalk Construction	\$210,000	\$210,000	15-Mar-04	\$25,498
Street Improvements	\$600,000	\$600,000	15-Mar-04	\$72,852
Vehicles	\$108,000	\$108,000	15-Mar-04	\$12,676
Roof Repairs	\$45,000	\$45,000	15-Mar-09	\$11,190
GIS	\$10,000	\$10,000	15-Mar-04	\$1,174
	\$973,000	\$973,000		\$123,390
<b>Recreation</b>				
Site Improvements	\$15,000	\$15,000	15-Mar-04	\$1,830
Community Center Improvements	\$25,000	\$25,000	15-Mar-04	\$3,050
Equipment	\$10,000	\$10,000	15-Mar-04	\$1,220
	\$50,000	\$50,000		\$6,100
<b>School Committee</b>				
HVAC/Electrical Upgrade (CS)	\$126,600	\$126,600	15-Mar-09	\$30,457
Student Furniture (ES&CS)	\$33,125	\$33,125	15-Mar-04	\$4,037
Flooring (ES)	\$5,000	\$5,000	15-Mar-09	\$1,203
Design Septic System (ES)	\$20,000	\$20,000	15-Mar-04	\$2,437
Science Labs (MS)	\$65,187	\$65,187	15-Mar-09	\$15,682

Feasibility Study (MS)	\$25,000	\$25,000	15-Mar-04	\$3,047
Auditorium Upgrade (HS)	\$65,000	\$65,000	15-Mar-09	\$15,637
Locker Rooms (HS)	\$7,200	\$7,200	15-Mar-04	\$877
Equipment for Athletic Fields (HS)	\$8,600	\$8,600	15-Mar-04	\$1,048
Portable Bleachers (HS)	\$72,000	\$72,000	15-Mar-04	\$8,775
Wheel Chair Van	\$35,000	\$35,000	15-Mar-04	\$4,266
Turfskin Fields (HS)	\$10,000	\$10,000	15-Mar-04	\$1,219
Refrigeration Units (MS)	\$12,500	\$12,500	15-Mar-04	\$1,523
Student Vans	\$72,000	\$72,000	15-Mar-04	\$8,775
Portable Indoor Bleachers	\$5,100	\$5,100	15-Mar-04	\$622
Library/Media Center (CS)	\$650,000	\$650,000	15-Mar-11	\$196,256
	<u>\$1,212,312</u>	<u>\$1,212,312</u>		<u>\$295,862</u>

**Authorized on 24 January  
2000:**

**School Building Committee**

Architectural & Construction Management (HS)	\$62,000	\$62,000	15-Mar-06	\$10,480
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**School Committee**

Library/Media Center (CS)	\$680,000	\$680,000	15-Mar-11	\$205,314
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<b>Total Issue:</b>	\$3,270,112	\$3,270,112		\$696,520
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
 Ellen Abelson, M.A.A. Chairman  
 Paula Keefe, M.A.A.  
 Robert Merritt, M.A.A.

Mark J. Mazur, M.A.A., Assistant Assessor  
 Mary A. Hall, Administrative Assistant  
 Martha Lurie, Senior Clerk

ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY	Fiscal 2001	Fiscal 2000
Real Estate	1,608,591,100	1,269,725,800
Personal Property	29,147,700	24,128,600
Total	1,637,738,800	1,293,854,400

REAL ESTATE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION                      135,801,800                      109,586,800  
 FIVE YEAR SUMMARY

Fiscal Year	Valuation	Total Appropriation	To be raised by Taxation	Tax Rate
1997	1,124,180,100	32,970,034.50	21,809,093.94	19.40
1998	1,258,567,200	35,025,137.00	23,937,948.14	19.02
1999	1,277,690,600	37,853,834.00	25,975,449.90	20.33
2000	1,293,854,400	39,790,807.54	26,756,908.99	20.68
2001	1,637,738,800	44,012,119.14	28,562,164.67	17.44

During fiscal 2000 the Board of Assessors held twenty-nine meetings. The Board granted 1,125 motor vehicle abatements, acted on fifty-three applications for real estate or personal property abatement and approved the following exemptions for fiscal 2000:

Clause	Number Granted	Tax Dollars Exempted
17D(Surv.Spouse)	17	\$5,310.77
18(Hardship)	3	2,677.34
22(Veterans)	123	59,083.29
22A(Veterans)	4	3,075.20
22E(Veterans)	7	7,474.40
37(Blind)	12	9,016.70
41C(Elderly)	32	25,949.50
42(Surv.Sp.Police)	1	3,364.64
Paraplegics	3	10,493.03
Totals	202	\$126,444.87
41A Deferred Taxes	14	35,502.47

# **Sharon Public Schools**

Thomas M. LaGrasta, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

This will be my final Annual Report to the community on the status of the Sharon Public Schools, since I will be retiring as Superintendent of Schools on September 30, 2001. I am taking this opportunity to highlight the contents of the Position Paper on the conditions of the Sharon Public Schools, which was developed and disseminated by the administrative staff.

## Purpose

This Position Paper, which has been developed by the administrators of the Sharon Public Schools, is intended to begin a dialogue with the community of the current conditions within the Sharon Public Schools, and to propose recommendations for the future. We are very appreciative of the community's overwhelming support for substantially increasing the salary schedule of our teachers. This action reflects the strong commitment the community has toward education. In addition, our desire is to broaden and strengthen the collaborative relationships with the town boards, and with the entire community.

## Background

### **Mission Statement Of the Sharon Public Schools**

The Sharon Public Schools in partnership with the community, has as its mission the responsibility to prepare students to live in a rapidly changing society. Together we will provide an environment that maximizes the student's academic, artistic, social, emotional, and physical development. This atmosphere will encourage each individual to develop the skills and sensitivity for living effectively and responsibly.

October 3, 1990

On October 3, 1990, the Sharon School Committee adopted the Mission Statement of the Sharon Public Schools by a unanimous vote. Input was sought by community members, parents, students and staff over an extended period of time. In subsequent years, the School Committee, community, staff and parents held numerous forums to discuss excellence and lifelong learning. The sense at that time was that excellence in achievement should be the primary, but not the only goal for all students.

## Recent Accomplishments

We can feel great pride for the many outstanding accomplishments

of our staff and students during this decade. This could not be possible without the support of the community for education. Examples include:

- Sharon High School being selected as a National Service-Learning Leader School for Community Service Learning by the Corporation for National Service.
- Heights Elementary School being selected as a Massachusetts Service-Learning Leader School for Community Service Learning by the Massachusetts Department of Education.
- The implementation of Community Service Learning programs at all of our schools.
- On average, 95% of our graduating seniors attend either two or four year colleges.
- Our grade 11 students consistently score significantly higher on the SAT's when compared with state and national scores.
- Sharon has ranked #12, #10 and #19, respectively, among all school systems on the MCAS testing program (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System).
- Our grade three students continue to score higher than state and national averages on the state mandated Iowa Test of Basic Skills.
- Our grade twelve students have consistently scored higher than the national average on the Advanced Placement examinations.
- Student Activities and Athletic Programs have increased in the number of students who participate. Several of these programs depend on the volunteerism of our staff and community members.
- The community support for funding the improvement and expansion of our athletic facilities.
- The funding of a state of the art Foreign Language Laboratory at Sharon High School.
- The funding of the addition to Sharon High School, which includes a comprehensive library/media center, technology center, and science labs.
- The amount of financial support and donations provided by parent teacher organizations, boosters and individuals for field improvements, supplementary school programs, and technology.

- The purchase of vans to provide transportation of children with special needs to both in-district and out-of-district programs which has resulted in substantial financial savings.
- The expansion of our system wide Unified Arts Program (art, music, drama) that has resulted in state recognition and awards for our students.
- The expansion of exemplary programs for students and adults (after school care, before school care, summer school, enrichment programs, adult education, and family excursions) by the Community Education Program.
- The strides taken by the staff and administration of Sharon Middle School to expand the concept of "Middle School Education" and opportunities for students.
- The priorities of reducing class sizes in the primary and intermediate grades at all of the elementary schools.
- The priority to reduce teacher caseloads in grades 7-12.
- The development and expansion of programs for children with special needs that emphasize including these students in regular classrooms with their peers whenever it is appropriate. This strategy would not be possible without the collaboration and cooperation of the regular and special education staff.
- The leadership of our curriculum coordinators and administrators to develop with the staff a curriculum that is consistent with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.
- The commitment of the curriculum coordinators and administrators to provide comprehensive opportunities for staff development within and outside of the school system.
- The foresight of the administration to employ a full-time plumber and an electrician, which has resulted in significant savings in our Maintenance Budget.

### The Issues

Although our accomplishments have been extensive and laudable, we cannot become complacent. Programs and services for our students need to be evaluated, modified, and expanded if we are to maintain our goal of excellence. This effort cannot be achieved without the continuing recognition of our needs and the subsequent support from the community. Our task is a challenging one, but is within reach if we can truly come together as a community, which supports the efforts of our educators, and our students. The following outlines what we consider to be concerns



that require open discussion by all who have an interest in the future of our schools.

What transpired in the 1990's has been gradual erosion of the school system. Examples include: overcrowded classrooms, lack of appropriate resources for teachers and students, deterioration of our buildings, increasing class sizes, limited and outdated technology for student, staff and administrative use, non-competitive salaries for all staff, and declining staff morale. Significant numbers of staff, not just teachers, have left the school system for better paying jobs, and appreciably better working conditions in other school systems. In the near future, we will not be able to recruit and retain the best candidates for all positions. If we do not appropriate to our staff the tools that are required for them to function at an optimal level, frustration, anxiety and stagnation will become the descriptors of our school system, rather than pride, appreciation, and dedication.

It can no longer be acceptable to build additions to our schools that are filled to capacity before they are finished, nor can we operate our schools without the appropriate staff and resources. We are not able to implement programs for children with special needs at substantial savings over the cost of tuitioning these students to out-of-district public and/or private schools. Our parents are being asked continually to fund programs and materials that should be the responsibility of the school system. The town governing boards that control the allocation of funds for all departments in the community need to realize that this benign neglect of the requirements of the public schools, has resulted in a situation, which cannot be ignored. We seem to operate on the premise that construction and operating budgets emphasize the minimum rather than the appropriate. This political process is suspect, because the school system has been consistently asked to function at optimal levels with limited funds, and with increased student enrollments. The long-standing practice of postponing projects and services to another year is not acceptable if we are truly practicing our Mission Statement. These governing boards have become divided on what is suitable for the schools. Cooperation has turned to antagonism, and we are moving further apart, and not coming together as a community. Rather than appreciating each other's efforts to do more with less, we are prone to criticism, and for some, there appears to be a general lack of trust. Parents feel frustrated, because we do not have the capability to address the myriad of needs their children experience in school.

We do not feel that any group or individual should be faulted for this dilemma. Each of us needs to share the blame if there is any. We do note, however, we should not have remained silent for so long, while we experienced the subtle decline of the Sharon Public Schools. In retrospect, we should have been more vocal and better advocates for our students. Acceptance and resignation to the school system's plight seems to have been the norm.

### Recommendations: (Interpersonal)

- We need to come together as a community to develop a renewed sense of pride in our schools among all constituencies.
- We need to talk with each other, and respect diverse opinions.
- We need to recognize our students and staff for their accomplishments, and not their shortcomings.
- We need to work together as a community to recognize and develop meaningful strategies for adequately funding the capital and operating budget needs of the Sharon Public Schools.
- It is imperative that we work together to develop a renewed respect and trust in the decisions made by our professional staff to improve education in the Sharon Public Schools.

### Recommendations: Looking Toward the Future

The following recommendations are intended to provide the community with a direction for improving the Sharon Public Schools. If we want to remain a school system that is among the best in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we need to invest in our children's future, morally and financially. Guidance for this endeavor should come from our Mission Statement.

- We need to fund future capital expenditures for our facilities that address not just classroom enrollment, but related arts and special services.
- We need to fund an operating budget that reflects a per pupil cost that is above, rather than one that has, historically, been below the state average.
- There needs to be a community-wide commitment to lowering class sizes and teacher caseloads.
- Foreign language instruction at the elementary school level is a must.
- Guidance and other support services for students with diverse abilities need to be expanded at all schools.
- Additional administrative support needs to be provided at the East and Cottage Street Schools.
- Additional custodial and maintenance staff is required in order to expand preventative maintenance programs in our schools.
- Technology needs to be increased substantially, including

equipment, appropriate facilities, and staff.

- Secretarial staff is needed to address the increased reporting tasks mandated by the Department of Education.
- Full day kindergarten programs need to be developed.
- Non-competitive, after school activities need to be expanded at Sharon Middle School and Sharon High School.
- Fees for services (busing, athletics, and field trips) should be eliminated.
- All salary schedules should be reviewed so that we can recruit, train and retain the best candidates for all positions, and to recognize the efforts of existing staff.
- There should be a reorganization and expansion of the Central Office administration to include a Director of Fiscal Affairs.
- Programs for High Learning Potential students need to be expanded in the elementary and middle schools.
- The School Committee needs to resolve the long-range building and classroom needs of the school system.

#### Conclusion:

The administrative staff remains committed to improving opportunities for all students. We hope that this Position Paper will begin a dialogue within the community that seriously addresses the issues that we consider to be of utmost importance. Hopefully, this sharing of ideas will result in a long-range plan for improving our schools, as well as renew and celebrate the pride we have had in our students and staff.

As a community, if we can work together to determine what we want our school system to look like in the next ten years, the administrative staff will have accomplished our goal in presenting this Position Paper.



## Department of Public Works

John A. Sulik, Superintendent of Public Works  
Marie E. Cuneo, Business Manager  
Cynthia E. Rhodes, Secretary  
Evelyn R. O'Reilly, Secretary  
Sandra A. Barrett, Secretary

The individual reports of this Department's five divisions demonstrate the overall breadth and scope of the DPW's responsibilities and activities.

Programs administered by the Department include refuse collection and curbside recycling. The quarterly cost to residents for both services had to be raised to \$37.00 due to increased tipping fees at SEMASS. Again a successful household hazardous waste activity was conducted in June - funded from residential refuse fees.

Jennifer Rowe, Engineering Aide/GIS Technician, resigned early in the year and was replaced by Garrett Walsh. Charles Sanchez, Asst. Town Engineer, accepted a position with Norfolk County Engineering Department and Peter O'Cain was selected as his replacement.

The Railroad Parking lot was expanded by 102 spaces. Parking for resident commuters is adequate at present, but with the impending loss of the Wilber School lot, parking will again become critical.

### Operations Division

William H. Petipas, Supervisor  
Bruce F. Giggey, Assistant Supervisor

In addition to routine activities, street sweeping, pothole patching, sign installation and maintenance, snowplowing and sanding, maintenance of all Town vehicles except Fire Department, the following projects were completed:

- Thirty-one streets were reclaimed and paved.
- Sixteen thousand feet of sidewalks were paved.
- Finished construction of the Post Office Square parking lot.
- Installed drainage and added 102 parking spaces at the Railroad Station.
- Repairs were made to numerous drainage problems throughout Town.

Supported all other departments whenever required or requested.



## Forestry and Grounds Division

Kevin Weber, Supervisor

Applied for and received two grants from the State. A Massachusetts Releaf Grant for the planting of 28 American and Chinese elms along Wolomolopoag St. sidewalk. A Heritage Tree Grant for pruning, cabling, mulching, and restoring a large old European Copper Beach on South Main St.

Completed cemetery restoration project at West Cemetery. Straightened, repaired and reset approximately 150 headstones.

Maintained all outdoor athletic facilities throughout the year for school, recreation, youth groups, and residents.

Achieved Tree City USA status for the third consecutive year.

Planted approximately 1200 rose bushes at the Railroad Station for parking lot expansion beautification.

Assisted Operations Division with snow and ice control as required. Managed Farnham Rd. compost area where all leaves, brush, and grass clippings are deposited.

Recorded 49.58" of precipitation during the year.  
Maintained approximately 110 miles of roadside for safety and sight distance.

## Water Division

David Masciarelli, Supervisor

Routine Activities	Station Maintenance
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Meters Read (twice annually)	5525
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New Meters Installed	39
Meters Replaced	179
Meters Repaired	11
Readings for Passing	249
Water Shut Offs for Plumbers	81
New Hydrants Installed	7
Freeze Up Call Responses	3
Water Main Break Repairs	5
Hydrants Repaired or Replaced	26
Curb Boxes Repaired and/or Replaced	25
New Services Tapped	72

### WATER SAMPLES TAKEN

State Bacteria	315
State Fluoride	84

Volatile Organic Compounds	18
Nitrates	52
Special	23

GALLONS OF WATER PUMPED 551,545,000

NEW WATER MAINS

Canton St.	25'	4" C.L.D.I.
Canton St.	250'	8" C.L.D.I.
Inca Rd.	1000'	8" C.L.D.I.
Salamander Way	520'	8" C.L.D.I.
Terrapin Rd.	980'	8" C.L.D.I.
Eisenhower Rd. Ext.	180'	8" C.L.D.I.

A major water system improvement was completed this year. The Blair Circle to Old Post Rd. water main loop was completed and is in service.

A comprehensive leak detection survey was performed on the entire water system. There were 24 small leaks located and repaired.

Hydrant flow data was collected Townwide. The Insurance Services Offices, Inc. will use this information to help set our insurance rating.

Planning continues on the new well site, the High Pressure area and a new water storage tank.

**Building Inspection and Code Enforcement Division**

Joseph X. Kent, Inspector of Buildings & Zoning Enforcement  
 Officer  
 James B. Delaney, Inspector of Wires  
 Edward J. Forsberg, Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Residents are reminded that it is illegal to construct, reconstruct or alter a structure without first obtaining a building permit from the Building Inspector. Residents must obtain a permit to reshingle a roof, to install new siding, to construct a tool shed or a cabana or to rebuild a rotted out deck. Before undertaking a renovation project, residents must ensure demolition debris generated by this project will be legally disposed of.

Electric wiring cannot be installed, nor can gas piping or reconnection of gas appliances or plumbing fixtures be installed without a permit obtained by licensed personnel. All domestic water piping must be installed with no lead solder. The installation of permanent water treatment or purification equipment and lawn sprinkler systems connected to a potable water supply including private wells shall be made subject to inspection and approval by the Plumbing Inspector for the

protection of residents and their families.

The total number of building permits issued during 2000 was 438, of these, 40 permits were for single family dwellings. Single family home construction is up slightly from 1999.

The total value of construction and alterations was \$18,164,712. The Building Department issued 47 occupancy permits during the year 2000.

Type of Construction	Permits 2000	Issued 1999	Estimated 2000	Values 1999
Single Family	40	37	\$8,337,430	\$6,402,580
Multi Family	0	0	0	0
Additions/Alterations	334	371	\$6,382,639	\$5,783,409
Garages	4	7	\$85,000	\$296,500
Other(signs, pools, demolition)	58	64	\$586,332	\$365,292
New non-residential	2	2	\$2,773,311	\$390,000

Fees for building, gas plumbing and wiring permits collected during 2000 were in the amount of \$152,000.

### Engineering Division

Eric R. Hooper, P.E. Town Engineer

Peter O'Cain, Assistant Town Engineer

James R. Andrews, Health Agent for Engineering/Engineering Aide

Garrett Walsh, GIS Coordinator/Engineering Aide

The Engineering Department saw changeover of two staff positions during 2000. However, the Department continued to provide services to all Town Departments, including design of walkways for the Library, preparation of display materials for the Conservation Commission's efforts to secure financing for the Rattlesnake Hill property purchase, serving on designer selection committees for both school department and Town Building projects and preparing bid documents and administrating contracts for the Park and Recreation Department, the Post Office Square revitalization project, roadway projects and the Wilber School reuse project. The Engineering Division further continued to provide technical support to Town Departments, Boards, Committees, residents and others throughout the year. The expertise gathered in this Division has allowed the Town to undertake projects and reviews that had previously required outside consultants.

The Division, as agent for the Planning Board, reviewed seven plans submitted for approval and provided technical assistance to the Board during the processing of these applications. The Town

Engineer attended all of the Board's meetings. Construction of roadways and related improvements in nine active subdivisions were inspected regularly to assure conformance with the Board's rules and regulations. The Division provided guidance for the Design Guidelines relative to the redevelopment of Post Office Square.

The Division, as agent for the Board of Health, continued to implement 310CMR 15.000 (1995 Title 5) and Article 7 regulations governing septic installations and Article 16 regulations for governing private well installation. The Health Agent for Engineering attended all of the Board's meetings. The Division processed 203 Title V Septic System Reports; approved design, issued permits for and inspected the installation of 182 new or replacement septic systems; and witnessed 392 percolation tests or test holes. The Division also performed twice weekly sampling of Lake Massapoag during the summer season to ensure public health safety requirements were met.

The Division also provided design, construction, and other technical services for the following projects:

1. Completion of the expanded Railroad Lot parking area.
2. Completion of the Post Office Square revitalization project along North and South Main Streets and parking area, lighting and walkways behind the Post Office Square buildings.
3. Completion of the Beach Street repaving and sidewalk project.
4. Other athletic field improvements, including layout, drainage and irrigation.
5. Intersection and drainage improvements at various locations.
6. Reconstruction of Norwood St./High Plain St., North and South Main Streets and Massapoag Avenue and Bay Road.
7. Inspection of School Department septic systems and assistance in design review.
8. Continued involvement with town-wide space needs assessments and building feasibility studies.

The Engineering Division G.I.S. (Geographical Information System) continues to expand. Use of the G.I.S. by other departments has allowed the Town to reduce or eliminate altogether its dependence on outside consultants, e.g., production of Assessor's and Conservation Commission maps.



**Police Department**  
**Joseph S. Bernstein, Chief of Police**

Another year has flown by and just in the last two months of 2000, we have seen and experienced so many unforeseen happenings. Who would have ever predicted the contentious events surrounding the national election? Then, the tragic killing of seven people involving work related violence brought our state to the attention nationally and world-wide. Locally, two Special Town Meetings were held which attracted record numbers due to the significance of topics and impact to our community for years to come. Inasmuch as many things are unforeseen, others remain constant. Members of the Sharon Police Department continue to pride themselves on their commitment to servicing the needs of the community through traditional police services which are most visible to the community, and through nontraditional and less visible activities which will be mentioned in later paragraphs. Collaboration with all Town Departments, civic and professional organizations has enabled us to provide superior community oriented service.

We continued to aggressively pursue funding through various grants to maintain successful programs, provide specialized training and purchase equipment. Equipment purchased over the past few years through grants included a boat for safety patrols on the lake, a portable speed monitoring sign utilized on many streets to passively address speeding issues. This past year a new, fully equipped motorcycle was purchased, replacing one over ten years old. Our Community Policing Grant Award for 2000 - 2001 is \$23,750, seven hundred and fifty dollars more than originally earmarked for communities our size. Part of the funds will be used as a continuation of addressing traffic safety concerns by purchasing several new speed monitoring radar units so each marked police vehicle and both motorcycles are equipped. This will enable each officer, while routinely patrolling, to monitor the speed of vehicle~and specifically target areas after placement of the mobile speed monitoring sign. Additionally, the Community Policing Grants have supplied funding for various training including extensive courses for first line supervisors at the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council and at the New England Institute of Law Enforcement Management at Babson College. Beyond those initiatives, the grant supplies funding to maintain increased visibility around Lake Massapoag and other recreational areas; these efforts have been appreciated over the past few years. Boat Patrols on Lake Massapoag, as well as Bicycle and Foot Patrols, were utilized at various times, including during special town events such as the Fourth of July Celebration, Triathlon, concerts at the lake, Post Office Square Jam, and Halloween. The current years grant funds specialized traffic safety patrols for designated areas. We have again been awarded a D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) Grant of \$13,000 which supplements Town funding for the program in three elementary schools and the Middle School.

Communication with all groups in our community is something we continually foster. To this end past successful programs are maintained and we look for new avenues to pursue. For example, this past school year officers continued visiting the various elementary schools at lunch time to interact with the children in a less formal atmosphere; participated in the Sharon Youth Coalition; presented the Officer Phil Program to first and second grade students at the elementary schools, and the Dating Violence Program at the Middle School and other youth organizations; provided internships for high school students; conducted tours of the Police Station; Emergency Alert Program (issuance of I.D. bracelets to individuals effected by Alzheimer and similar diseases); offered assistance in the proper installation of infant and children car seats and actually have an officer specifically trained for that important purpose; conducted home security surveys; and made numerous visits and informational talks by many officers to a variety of audiences from preschoolers to senior citizen groups. Open house during Family Week must be mentioned. We had several hundred visitors who enjoyed being locked in a cell only for a couple of minutes, sitting on the motorcycle, and playing with the emergency lights and siren in the police car. The children had to fight for time with parents who wanted to play with the sirens. All of these initiatives are means to better serving and educating our community to provide a safer and healthier environment.

Personnel have attended numerous training sessions to keep abreast and expand their knowledge to better serve the community. Topics included: strategies for dealing with and investigating hate crimes; child passenger safety; interviewing and interrogation techniques; educating others and identifying designer drugs; officer survival; fingerprinting and crime scene processing; terrorism issues and critical incident management; Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Leadership Program; two officers as members of a regional tactical team attended monthly activities; and all officers attended an annual week long training program through the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, and others.

Annually personnel are recognized for distinguished performance. During 2000 Sergeant Williams, Detective Keating, Officer Greenfield, Officer Ford and Officer Balestra received a Life Saving Award and Lieutenant Kaufman, Lieutenant McGrath, Sergeant Williams, and Dispatcher Penders received Perfect Attendance Awards.

The Special Police Program continued to offer their assistance during 2000. They volunteered their services and support to the Police Department during Independence Day Celebration, Halloween, Town Meeting and Special Town Meetings, and First Night Celebration. They are a great asset to the Police Department and the community.

The Police Department received over 2,300 emergency 9-1-1 calls.

We were involved in approximately 14,000 incidents of police service. Officers responded to 453 motor vehicle accidents of which 337 required formal reporting and 51 involved personal injury. This is an increase over last year, and I would ask all drivers to be more careful and drive defensively. As Sharon and surrounding areas continue to develop, the amount of vehicular traffic and other related issues has increased. Officers issued 203 written warnings, 347 civil citations and 254 criminal citations. Officers served 60 Domestic Violence Protective Orders and arrested eighteen people for domestic violence. We responded to over eleven hundred false burglar alarms. Officers were called upon 215 times to assist people who locked themselves out of their vehicle. There were 28 reported burglaries, up from a low of 11 in 1999, but similar to 1998 figures. Reported larcenies have continued to hold steady over the last few years. In 2000 there were 104 reported larcenies, in 1999 there were 119, in 1998 there were 121, and 115 in 1997. Although the overall crime statistics for our community are very positive, we should continually be watchful of our own property and our neighbors' property. Senseless acts of vandalism, such as someone traveling around town destroying mailboxes, are very disruptive to the victims. Those who think it is just a prank should realize it is a crime, without purpose, and has significant consequences. The eyes and ears of the entire community, along with the willingness to contact the Police Department are great assets to the victims, the Police Department and oneself as your property may be the next senselessly vandalized. Just a few years ago, one person was responsible for committing over one hundred burglaries and thefts in Sharon and surrounding communities. Your telephone calls and assistance are greatly appreciated.

As in past years, I will conclude by thanking all the people who have supported the Sharon Police Department. Many of you have spoken to me personally and others have sent notes of thanks and appreciation complimenting a variety of Department members. Again, as in the past and especially during the holiday season many people dropped off baked goods, fruit baskets and other expressions of thanks. Your thoughts and thanks are shared with all members and are greatly appreciated. If you have any comments or suggestions which you feel would be beneficial to us in serving you, please let us know. You can either telephone me at 784-1588, stop by the police station, or send us a note.



## Fire Department

Chief Dennis F. Mann

Deputy Chief Steven O. Cummings

Group I  
 LT. Charles Healy  
 FF/EMT Daniel Willis  
 FF/EMT David Martin  
 FF/EMTP Michael Rychlik  
 FF/EMTP Richard Murphy

Administrative Assistants  
 Arline Volin & Ann LaChapelle  
 Deputy George Little Retired  
 LT. Edwin Little  
 FF/EMT Paul Renken

Group II  
 LT. Bryant Simpson  
 FF/EMT Robert Dubois  
 FF/EMT John McLean  
 FF/EMTP George Dwyer  
 FF/EMTP Burton Cummings

Group III  
 LT. Michael Greenfield  
 FF/EMT John VanVaerenewyck  
 FF/EMT Gerald McNamara  
 FF/EMTP Sean Keener  
 FF/EMTP Ted Lambert

Group IV  
 LT. Paul Fleming  
 FF/EMT Paul Spender  
 FF/EMT Timothy Earley  
 FF/EMTP John Guidod  
 F/EMTP Michael Kelleher

Call Department Members 2000  
 Roger Lobban Retired      Allan Watterson  
 William Bishop              Gary Kamp  
 Gordon Hughes              James Lindberg

<u>Breakdown of incidents 2000</u>				<u>Incidents responded to 2000</u>	
Structure Fires	4	Stove Fires	3	All Unit Box Alarms	72
Electrical Problems	6	Heating Problems	1	Still Calls	582
Reported Vehicle Fires	38	Brush Fires	10	Aid Calls	931
Haz Mat Incidents	2	Propane Grills	5	Ambulance	<u>1350</u>
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	38	Smoke Alarms	46	Total	2935

The Sharon Fire Department conducted over 400 inspections and issued over 600 permits in 2000.

<u>Equipment</u>			
Engine #1 1968 being replaced March 2001		Fire Alarm Truck 2000 condition excellent	
Engine #3 1992 condition good		Ambulance 1995	“ fair
Engine #2 1995	“ good	Tanker 1987	“ fair
Ladder #1 1994	“ excellent	Car 1 Deputy 1993	“ fair
Squad #1 1996	“ good	Car 3 4x4 1993	“ fair
Squad #2 1988	“ good	Car 90 Chief 1997	“ good

The Fire Department experienced growing pangs in the year 2000 with the hiring of six new firefighter/paramedics. Three replaced firefighters that retired or were promoted and three were new additions to the Department. The Department has had to learn 10 new faces in the last two years and it is the first time in 21 years, that it has increased its shift staffing. The Department now operates with a staffing level of five men per shift.

The Department said good-bye to Deputy Chief, George Little, and Call Firefighter, Roger Lobban. When they retired the two



firefighters combined for a total of 75 years of service to the residents of Sharon. Firefighter Steven Cummings, a 22-year veteran, was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief. Firefighter Bryant Simpson, a 31-year veteran, was promoted to acting Lieutenant, as Lt. Edwin Little had to leave due to medical reasons. Call firefighters Edwin VanDenBerghe, Paul Spender Jr. and Steve Wilson also stepped down after 15 and 10-years of service respectively.

The Sharon Fire Department Ambulance Service was successful in obtaining a license to operate at the Paramedic level. The Department now has two paramedic/firefighters on each shift. This means that advanced life saving procedures can be done and drugs administered without delay. The additional man, per shift, means that four firefighters can respond to all emergency calls. The Department was extremely busy responding to 1350 ambulance calls in 2000. This was an increase of 225 runs (20%) over 1999.

Training continues to be a high priority and all members participated in the mandatory 24 hour EMT refresher course. The program was put together by Paramedic Coordinator, John Guiod and several members of our paramedic staff assisted in teaching the various medical courses. Firefighter John McLean received his instructors certification from the State Fire Academy and was able to assist with the fire training of our new personnel. This consisted of live burns at the Barnstable County Burn Building as well as two weeks of classroom and practical training. Lt. Michael Greenfield and Deputy Cummings attended Arson Investigation classes at the State Fire Academy.

The Department was able to purchase two thermal imaging cameras because of the generous donations from the residents and businesses of Sharon and funding from Capital Outlay. The majority of the Department underwent classroom and practical training with the cameras in November. A New York City firefighter spent four days conducting live burns at the old 138 MOTEL in Easton. A fire destroyed about two thirds of the building one week before our training was to take place. Sharon firefighters assisted the Easton Fire Department for five hours at that fire. Additional training will be done in 2001 for the members that were not able to attend.

The Department received a Public Safety Grant in the amount of \$4700 for the SAFE program. The Department has three members that are "public educators" and they teach fire safety awareness and prevention to school children, senior citizens, and various businesses throughout the community.

Injuries and major illnesses plagued the Department this year. At one point, 25 % of the Department was out injured and sick. One

firefighter suffered a knee injury while responding to an alarm of fire that turned out to be only a malfunction. This firefighter had an operation to the knee and has been out for seven months to date. A paramedic suffered a fractured thumb while attending a combative patient. Another firefighter was on light duty for the year after suffering four broken ribs from a fall off a truck.

Sharon Firefighters were active in community events throughout the year. The firefighters sponsored a lakeside concert, the carnival at Deborah Sampson Park, the BBQ and bonfire at the lake, open house at the fire station, the Halloween parade and gave four scholarships to graduating seniors.

Sharon residents experienced two structure fires on the same day in February 2000. Both were caused by electrical malfunctions. The worst fire destroyed two bedrooms on the second floor, which was caused by a malfunction of an electric bed warmer. There were no injuries to the residents of either house. Sharon firefighters fought major fires at Walpole Woodworkers and Bird Mansion in Walpole, a large farmhouse in Stoughton and the hotel fire in Easton.

The Sharon Fire Department would like to remind everyone in the community that fire safety is never ending. Even though we had only one major fire, we had numerous smaller fires, which had the potential to be serious. Cooking and candles still remain a leading cause of fires in the community. Although there were no fatalities in our town last year, there are Sharon residents that lost family members to a fire in Newton. Our focus, is first and foremost on "life safety", but you, play the most important role in fire safety. Prevention, not fire Department response, is the key to staying safe. We still respond to houses in Sharon that do not have working smoke detectors. This is totally unacceptable and inexcusable. Please make our job easier by doing your part. Be responsible for your family's safety. Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors regularly, store propane and gasoline outside the house, and never leave cooking or candles unattended and shut off all stoves when leaving the house. Members of the Sharon Fire Department look forward to serving you in the "New Millenium" and hope that, together, we can make Sharon a safer place to live.

## Board of Health

Susan Peck, Chairman  
Andrew Stead, Vice-Chairman  
Elizabeth Day Barnett, M.D.  
Jonathan Goldberg  
Howard Kesselman, M.D.

Linda Rosen, Health Administrator  
Kathy Berteletti, Administrative Assistant

Several Board and staff members once again attained advanced certification by the Massachusetts Association of Boards of Health. Andrew Stead was reappointed to the Board for another three year term. Jim Andrews continued as Health Agent for Engineering.

Some accomplishments in 2000 included:

- ▶ Awarded a second round of \$200,000 in low-interest, long-term loan funds in the form of betterments to eleven homeowners for replacement of failing septic systems. To date, almost \$400,000 (in 2 rounds of funding programs) has been borrowed from the State Department of Environmental Protection through the Water Protection Abatement Trust. These funds have allowed twenty-six homeowners to replace septic systems and, in turn, to help protect the environment. Specific guidelines and procedures for the program were developed by the Board with the assistance of Northbridge Environment Management Consultants.
- ▶ Proposed and received approval from the 2000 Annual Town Meeting to again allow the town to borrow additional funds from the Massachusetts Water Abatement Trust (when available) to lend to homeowners at a low interest rate for repair/replacement of septic systems .
- ▶ Continued to thoroughly review proposed septic system upgrades, variances, and alternative systems. The Board began a procedure of requiring that homeowners with alternative systems provide a signed Operations and Management Agreement to the Board, with the following testing requirements: BOD, TSS, pH, TKN, Ammonia, and Nitrites. The Board continued to review Article 7 of the Rules and Regulations of the Sharon Board of Health, and made plans to update and revise these regulations regarding septic systems.
- ▶ Followed up on information that Shufelt Septic Systems, a licensed septic hauler, continued the sale and usage of ccls in septic systems in Sharon, despite the Board's reminders



that no additives of any type may be used in Septic systems in Sharon. Following a hearing on this matter, the hauler was fined, and additional measures were put into place to prevent any sale of ccls in Sharon by Shufelt. In return, the Board agreed not to suspend the hauler's license, but to continue monitoring his practices.

- ▶ Reviewed the town's participation in the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project, taking part in a discussion with John Smith, Superintendent of the program. Howard Kesselman and Elizabeth Barnett agreed to participate in an ad hoc subcommittee to further study issues relative to mosquito control. With the arrival of West Nile Virus this has become an even more important issue.
- ▶ Made revisions to the Board's Tobacco Regulations, allowing for suspension of the Tobacco Sales Permit, elimination of the allowance for a separately-ventilated smoking area in larger restaurants, and with the addition of a layer of fines for the third offense in the section on cigarette rolling papers.

Permits and licenses issued by the Board of Health during 2000 included the following: keeping of animals (#44); caterers (#10); manufacture and sale of ice cream (#14); sale of milk and/or cream (#32); vehicle licenses for sale of milk (#6); lodging houses (#3); pasteurization and/or sale of milk (#1); motels(#2); camps(#8); operation of retail food establishments(#16); food service establishments(#31); residential kitchens(#2); semi-public pools(#8); massage establishments(#3) and practitioners(#4); funeral director (#1); seasonal food service (#6); seasonal mobile caterers (#3); transportation of offal(#22); dumpster operations(#5); and retail tobacco sales(#6). The Board is also responsible for issuing 5 year renewal permits for underground storage of hazardous materials and regulated substances.

A Special Service Board, administered by the Health Department, is responsible for determining the eligibility of senior citizens and disabled persons (based upon income) for town-sponsored refuse collection. Thirty-six residents were approved for this service as of the end of 2000. The Department also issues temporary handicapped parking placards for senior citizens and/or disabled Sharon residents (for use in Sharon). Eligibility is determined upon receipt of medical and/or low income verification.

The Department continued to conduct weekly laboratory testing of all eight semi-public swimming pools and twice weekly laboratory testing of all Lake Massapoag swimming areas from late May to September to monitor for bacterial levels (fecal coliform). In addition, in response to the Department of Public Health's



proposed revisions to state-wide testing requirements, the Department began monitoring E-Coli levels, which are more specific.

Compliance with 310CMR 15.000 (1995 Title 5, as well as with Article 7 of the Board of Health Regulations (regarding septic systems) and Article 16 of the Board of Health Regulations (regarding private wells) was monitored by the Health Agent for Engineering. (Please see the "Engineering Division" section for additional information.)

The Department once again participated in various health-oriented projects, including the annual American Cancer Society's "Daffodil Days" (with the assistance of Martha Lurie of the Sharon Assessor's office). The Department continued its collaboration, begun in 1993, with the Norton-Mansfield-Sharon Tobacco Control Program. Linda Rosen serves as the Board's representative to the Tobacco Control Program Board, with Sheila Miller as the alternate representative.

The Health Department continued monitoring of bacteriological test results on frozen desserts produced by Crescent Ridge Dairy.

Responsibilities of the Town Sanitarian in 2000 included the following: routine unannounced inspections of food service establishments, lodging house and motel facilities, retail food establishments, and catering facilities to ensure compliance with the State Sanitary Code. All food service facilities were inspected at least twice during the year. Also conducted were sanitation audits of school cafeteria food service practices throughout the school year; inspection of retail establishments selling tobacco products, as well as restaurants, motels, and lodging houses for compliance with the Board of Health Tobacco Regulation. Pre-season and mid-season inspections of all camps to insure continuation of proper sanitation standards were made by both the Sanitarian, Dr. J. L. Lapuck, and his assistant, Sheila Miller, RNC. Evaluations of camp conditions were made in conformance with increasingly stringent state-wide regulations. In addition, the Department of Public Health revamped and strengthened the state-wide requirements for all food establishments in 2000, including the establishment (effective October 1, 2001) of a requirement for a certified food protection manager who must pass an accredited examination to fulfill this requirement.

### **Public Health Nursing**

Public Health Nurse: Sheila Miller, RNC

The Public Health Nursing Service of the Sharon Board of Health provided services to residents of the town as follows in 2000:

TOTAL VISITS	3599
Total # Office Visits	3461
# 65 years-84 years included	2189
# 85 years+ included	139
Total # Home Visits	207
# 65 years-84 years included	124
# 85 years+ included	73
HEALTH PROMOTION VISITS	2373
DISEASE CONTROL VISITS	358
IMMUNIZATIONS	832
ADMISSIONS	40
CLINICS PROVIDED (Various Locations - Out of Office):	
11 Blood Sugar Clinics-Sr.Citizens	231
11 Blood Pressure Clinics-Sr.Citizen	310
Flu Injection Clinics	1645
(# 65 years+ included in flu clinics	628
OFFICE BLOOD PRESSURE/BLOOD SUGAR CLINICS	212

Sheila Miller, RNC, continues in the 30 hour/week position of Public Health Nurse for the town. Linda Beadle, Nurse Practitioner, provides assistance on an ongoing basis as our second public health nurse. Additionally, the Department relies on several on-call Registered Nurses to assist with clinics, on an as-needed basis.

The Department provides regularly scheduled blood pressure/blood sugar clinics for all adult residents, as well as the monthly senior citizen clinics. In addition, immunizations, nutrition and weight control education, as well as monthly home visits (as needed) are conducted. Cholesterol screening is provided several times per year. The Nursing Department is actively involved with the School Department Nursing Staff, sharing information regarding immunizations and communicable diseases. The Public Health Nurse also assists with immunizations, as needed, for campers and staff. Sheila Miller, RNC, met with area camp directors to review health records. Coordination with the Council on Aging, area Visiting Nurse Associations, HESSCO, as well as other town departments continues.

The Public Health Nurse continued to follow up on communicable disease cases reported to the Department. Included among the 35 communicable disease reports in 2000 were 13 cases of Pertussis, 1 E-coli, 4 Salmonella, 5 Lyme Disease, and 8 Campylobacter.

Town employee health screenings were again held, with positive responses from all departments; cholesterol screening was provided, in addition to blood pressure/blood sugar screenings. Sheila Miller provided various lectures and slide programs, including a "Skinsaver" program during the high school Health Fair.

Arrangements were made to again allow residents to dispose of

medical waste . This year's program was again conducted at the Health Department office in Town Hall and, due to its success, the Department hopes to continue to provide this service on an annual basis. In addition, arrangements made with Sturdy Hospital and the Fire Department now allow for disposal of sharps at the Fire Department on an ongoing basis.

Periodic cholesterol screenings were held in 2000. In addition, monthly evening hours for blood pressure screenings continued, in an ongoing effort to reach younger residents (who are generally working or in school during daytime hours). Both of these programs have been well received.

The Department once again immunized 6th graders against Hepatitis B, resulting in a 100% compliance rate for the 104 participants completing the series in spring 2000. The series of three doses of vaccine was made possible by the State Department of Public Health which now allocates the vaccine for this age group at no cost. Due to the success of the program, and with the cooperation of Meg Verrett, R.N., and the elementary school nursing staff, the program continued with the next group of 90 6th graders beginning in the fall of 2000. The Department continues to provide the series of 3 Hepatitis B doses in the Health office to adolescents to age 19, at no charge .

The annual fall flu clinics were complicated by the late arrival of flu vaccine nation-wide. The Department was forced to postpone the evening clinic (originally scheduled for November) until December 13<sup>th</sup> when, in accordance with guidelines established by the State Department of Public Health, all residents over the age of 18 could be provided with the vaccine. At earlier clinics, the vaccine was made available to those residents over the age of 65 or with "at-risk" medical conditions. Manufacturing difficulties with the flu vaccine resulted in a chaotic "flu vaccine season" both for those seeking to be immunized, as well as for this Department.

## **Health Agent for Engineering**

James Andrews

The Health Agent for Engineering processed 203 Title V Septic System Reports; approved design and issued permits for and inspected the installation of 182 new or replacement septic systems; and witnessed 392 percolation tests or test holes. The Engineering Division also performed twice weekly sampling of Lake Massapoag during the summer season to ensure public health safety requirements were met.



## Recreation Department

Recreation Advisory Committee  
Michael Ginsberg, Chairperson  
Larry Finkelman

Gary Bluestein	Louis Kafka
Steve Lesco	Ben Puritz
Marjorie Frye	Patrick Terry
Corrine Hershman	Mitch Blaustein

Recreation Director  
David I. Clifton

Assistant Recreation Director  
John T. Connors

Athletic Supervisor	Secretary
David Satter	Maura Palm

Community Center	Community Center
Custodian	Caretaker
Paul Spender	Glen Peck





## **Recreation Advisory Committee**

The Recreation Advisory Committee recommends policy to the Board of Selectmen on any issue relating to park, recreation and leisure-time services. During the year 2000, the Committee worked and studied many projects with the leadership of the Recreation Department and provided input as a sounding board for the community. Some of the accomplishments of the Committee during the past year are as follows:

- The Advisory Committee met on 14 different occasions during the year 2000.
- Endorsed the concept of using the landfill site on Mountain Street as a proposed outdoor recreation/athletic facility.
- The Board of Selectmen appointed Steve Lesco & Patrick Terry to the Advisory Committee.
- Provided input to the Recreation Director pertaining to the operating budget and capital requests (FY '02) of the department.
- Supported the proposed master plan for Memorial Park Beach as recommended by the Director and consultants.
- Met with the following groups: Sharon Community Theatre, Sharon Council on Aging, Sharon Community Gardens, Sharon Pop Warner Football, Sharon Youth Baseball/Softball Association, Sharon Youth Soccer Association.
- Cooperated with the following committees promoting recreation events: Independence Day Celebration Committee, Summer Concert Series Committee, Family Week Committee, First Night Committee.
- Endorsed the Cori Check program for all volunteer coaches.
- Recommended the need for a 90' baseball diamond.
- Supported the need to construct an athletic/recreation building at Deborah Sampson Park to include a gym, pool and health club.
- Adopted the Recreation Department Mission Statement.
- Attended meetings of other town boards and committees to discuss park & recreation issues.
- Reviewed Recreation Department fee schedule for the year 2000.
- Recommended continued improvements to all the town recreation facilities including the Community Center, Deborah Sampson Park, Dr. Walter A. Griffin playground and the town beaches.

## **Recreation Department**

### **"HIGHLIGHTS OF 2000"**

#### **GAVINS POND SOCCER SITE**

Major improvements were made to the Gavins Pond soccer site during 2000 thanks to the Sharon Youth Soccer Association with some cooperation from the Town of Sharon. An expanded parking lot to accommodate an additional 100 cars, new fencing to surround the soccer fields and new bleachers are just a few of the improvements to the well groomed site.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT - TOWN OF SHARON RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

The purpose of the Recreation Department is to meet the diverse

recreational athletic and leisure time pursuits of the residents of Sharon with a broad-based comprehensive program. Participants should enjoy the social and health benefits as well as gaining personal satisfaction from being active in available town sponsored programs. Recreation is an outlet from the stresses of every day life if enjoyed in the proper fashion. Programs are organized to encourage participation and enjoyment and should be held at safe and well-equipped facilities on a year-round basis. Recreation opportunities should be available for residents of all ages with a majority of activities taking place at the Community Center, Lake Massapoag, parks & playground and various school facilities.

#### COMMUNITY CENTER - EXTERIOR PAINTING

During 2000 a contractor was hired through the bid process to paint the exterior of the Community Center building. The job was completed in September at a cost of \$16,000.00

#### NEW DOORS

The restroom doors to the building at the Dr. Walter A. Griffin playground were replaced in August 2000 with new steel doors.

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Congratulations to Reverend Robert Bullock, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows church, who was selected as the recipient of the recognition award 2000 for his community involvement. The Friends of the Summer Concert Series present this award on an annual basis.

#### 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRIATHLON

Over 700 New England triathletes raced through Sharon for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual triathlon held in August of 2000. The successful triathlon was managed by Time Out Productions, hosted by the Sharon Recreation Department and included a ½ mile swim, a 12 mile bike and a 4.4 mile run.

#### FAMILY WEEK 2000

The Family Week Celebration took place from October 22-31 with all kinds of family activities and events scattered throughout the week. Some of the following activities scheduled:

- Diversity Festival
- Yoga Arts
- Open-House (all town depts.)
- Concert & Bonfire
- Pancake Breakfast
- Octoberfest (Credit Union)
- Art Festival
- Folk Dancing
- Mystery Bus Ride
- Halloween Costume Parade (cancelled due to bad weather)

#### COMMUNITY SUPPORT 2000

Community support continues to be a highlight of the Recreation Department with hundreds and hundreds of volunteers giving their time for all kinds of recreational and leisure time programs. The cooperation of other town departments has been outstanding and the local merchants have made numerous donations to ongoing community celebrations, youth sports programs and cultural activities. Sharon is definitely a community that cares.

#### **NEW ENGLAND WHIFFLEBALL TOURNEY**

Deborah Sampson Park was the site for the New England Whiffleball Tournament held in August under sunny skies. Hundreds of participants joined the competition, which lasted around 8 hours.

**RODMAN BIKE "RIDE FOR KIDS"**

Over 1,000 bikers stopped at Memorial Park beach on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> for a rest, music and refreshments. This annual event continues to be a big fundraiser in the region and for a great cause to help kids. A local contribution went to the all-night graduation party and the senior prom party.

#### **FIELD WORK STUDENT**

Courtney Keene, a senior recreation student at Bridgewater State College, did 120 hours of fieldwork with the Recreation Department during the fall of 2000. She did a lot of on the job training as part of her educational experience.

#### **LANDFILL - MOUNTAIN STREET**

During the past year the Recreation Department met several times with town officials and engineering consultants developing plans to utilize the former landfill on Mountain Street for much needed athletic fields. Hopefully plans will be finalized and presented at the 2001 town meeting to appropriate funds for a new athletic complex which will include a 90' baseball diamond, two soccer/football fields, 7 - 7X7 soccer fields, parking for 115 cars and bathroom facilities.

#### **FACILITIES USED FOR RECREATION IN 2000**

Community Center  
Lake Massapoag  
Dr. Walter A. Griffin Playground  
Deborah Sampson Park  
Town Boat Launching Ramp  
Gavins Pond Soccer Site  
Community Center Picnic Area  
Memorial Park Beach Bandstand  
School Fields  
School Gyms  
Skatepark  
Petties Hill Sliding Area  
Memorial Park Beach



Sailing Dock Area  
Borderland State Park  
Massapoag Trail  
Ice Skating Pond-Deborah Sampson Park  
Lighted Outdoor Tennis Courts  
Lighted Outdoor Basketball Courts  
Community Center Garden Area  
School Track Sites  
Community Theater-Community Center

**PROPOSED RECREATION/ATHLETIC BUILDING**

During 2000 may town officials agreed with the concept of making the Deborah Sampson Park site as the location for the future Recreation Building to include a gymnasium, swimming pool and exercise facility. The building will be located at the same area as the senior center.

**MASTER PLAN - MEMORIAL PARK BEACH**

A proposed master plan to make improvements to Memorial Park Beach got underway in the year 2000 thanks to the efforts of resident Amanda Sloan and landscape architect, Todd Richardson. This 5 year plan will be reviewed by all appropriate town boards & committees.

**SHARON FIRST NIGHT 2001**

The sixth annual First Night celebration introduced over 65 different cultural activities on December 31, 2000 and began at 2:00PM at three different locations - Sharon High School, Sharon Middle School and Temple Israel. Many thanks to the hard working committee of volunteers led by BJ Gage and Diane Pankow as well as the numerous sponsors and contributors to the celebration. Approximately 3,500 people attended the celebration throughout the storm-predicted day.

**2000**  
**"YEAR IN REVIEW"**

<u><b>JANUARY</b></u> -First Light Celebration -Winter programs continue	<u><b>FEBRUARY</b></u> -Budget Hearings -Registration for Spring programs	<u><b>MARCH</b></u> -High School Dance -Summer employment Interview
<u><b>APRIL</b></u> -Art festival  -Staff CPR training	<u><b>MAY</b></u> -Small fry fishing derby  -Youth baseball/softball	<u><b>JUNE</b></u> -Official beach opening -All night graduation party



### JULY

-Independence Day  
celebration  
-Summer concerts

### AUGUST

-GSE team from  
Australia visits  
-Triathlon  
-Summer concerts

### SEPTEMBER

-Official  
beach closing  
-Fall soccer  
-Rodman bike

### OCTOBER

-Family Week Celebration  
-Halloween costume  
parade

### NOVEMBER

-Rotary  
Thanksgiving dinner  
for seniors  
-MRPA state  
rec conference  
-School auction

### DECEMBER

-Youth  
basketball  
-Holiday  
parties

## SHARON COMMUNITY GARDENS

The Sharon Community Garden continues to be a popular site for 88 families interested in gardening. The site is located on Deborah Sampson Park, East Foxboro St. and includes 88 garden plots (25' X 30').

## Sharon Elder Affairs/Council on Aging

Norma Simons Fitzgerald, MSW, LICSW, Executive Director

### PART-TIME STAFF

Susan Edinger, LICSW, Case Manager/Coordinator of Client and Volunteer Services (28 hrs/wk)

Nancy Weiner, Administrative Assistant (32 hrs/wk)

Linda Pirretti, Transportation Coordinator/Receptionist (23.5 hrs/wk)

Victor Esterman, Mini-Bus Driver (22 hrs/wk)

Bruce McDuff, Van Driver (25 hrs/wk)

### FUNDED BY OTHER SOURCES

Ruth Adjorlolo, Program Assistant (Green Thumb worker, 20 hrs/wk)

### VOLUNTEER OFFICE STAFF

Natalie Hershon, Bess Kinsley, Dorothy Meara, Chickie Monahan, Marge Sinman, Richard Wasserman,  
Lenore Watts

As the Council on Aging completes its 30<sup>th</sup> year, we enter the new millennium planning for the decades and population explosion ahead. A feasibility study has been completed for a facility that will accommodate increasing numbers of elders, full-time programming, and services that have more than quintupled in the last decade. Many thanks to the COA Board, Friends of the COA Executive Committee, the Selectmen and Town Administrator and the many committees and departments involved in helping us achieve this big step into the future.

We also completed our first year of production on Sharon Cable TV. "Perspectives" airs twice a week and features guests and issues of interest to older adults, their families, and, in many cases, to all generations.

New programs continue to develop and flourish in response to needs identified by the Council on Aging. A Coffee/Social Hour at the Hixson Farm Clubhouse on Wednesday mornings brings

neighbors -- once isolated -- together to socialize, meet new friends, scan the morning newspapers, and have coffee and a muffin (donated by Starbucks) with one another. Computer classes, scrabble, bridge and canasta free play and/or lessons, along with an international lunch program that reaches out to a diverse population of elders and their families are some of the new programs that tempt the soul and/or the stomach! As well, intergenerational programs, such as the Writing Partnership” with sixth graders from the Alternative School and senior citizens interested in writing is providing an educational and enriching experience to both children and adults. And a new support group, for adults with Multiple Sclerosis, was recently begun by Commission on Disabilities Chairman Sid Rosenthal and hosted by the COA. Our regular programs such as Medical and Shopping Transportation, Information and Referral and other Social Service programs, Fitness, Tai Chi, English as a Second Language, Property Tax Work-off Program (Senior Municipal Service Program), and many others are ongoing and appeal to many older adults in town.

Across the state, COAs worked with legislators and helped advocate for the new “Circuit Breaker” Property Tax Relief bill (which will, in 2002, provide a tax credit for many elders when they file for state income tax in January 2002) and the newly re-authorized Older Americans Act. We also worked together with legislators towards the goal of eliminating state and federal tax deductions from the Property Tax Work-off Program and appear to have been successful in both cases for most participants.

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“FACTS AND FIGURES” for the year 2000

TRANSPORTATION: 8,100 medical, shopping, & other trips

INFORMATION, REFERRAL, SOCIAL SERVICE: over 15,000 units of service (includes telephone, on-site, home visits, meetings related to clients/services

SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Elders): in Norfolk County alone, these volunteer counselors helped elders save over \$700,000 in 2000

NUTRITION\*: 2,700 hot meals (Kosher and non-Kosher) served in a congregate setting; over 10,000 home delivered meals prepared and sent out from COA & Housing Authority sites

GRANTS: Funds awarded by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs provided over \$12,000 and was used for purchasing new computer equipment and for salaries. The COA also received support from the FSCO (Friends) and other organizations which were used either directly and/or indirectly for specific programs and services and/or to aid elders with emergency fuel, food, or other assistance.

COLLABORATION: The COA continued to collaborate with many Town departments, agencies and organizations (both non-denominational and religious) and especially thanks the Congregational Church and Temple Israel for their donated space.

And much, much more...

\*HESSCO contracted

## **Sharon Civil Defense**

Bernard M. Rosenberg, Director  
Michael I. Polimer, Deputy Director  
Michael S. Corman, Deputy Director

We were fortunate, once again in 2000 that the services of Sharon Civil Defense were not called upon to provide emergency assistance to other town departments during severe storms. Civil Defense has been called upon to provide assistance during severe thunderstorms, snowstorms or blizzards.

This year, our volunteer staff has finished refitting the 4-wheel drive Squad that the Fire Department took out of service. This truck is a much more serviceable piece of equipment since it is much smaller and easier to handle than the big fire truck. We are in the process of discussing the usability of our current assets both in terms of their continued service and storage needs. As our inventory of additional equipment grows we find that there is a continued problem for us to both store and maintain the equipment. Civil Defense acquires additional equipment as it is taken out of service by other town departments. This year we were very lucky to obtain the Engineering Department Bronco and the old Fire Department Alarm Bucket Truck. Both vehicles will be refitted in the upcoming year. The bucket truck will make installing lighting for the July Fourth Celebration and emergencies much safer since we will be able to use the hydraulic bucket instead of extension ladders. Anyone who has watched us set up for these events will tell you how dangerous putting an extension ladder up on a tree or utility pole can be.

We provided lighting for the July Fourth celebration and Family Week. These activities provide our volunteers with actual field experience under various weather and crowd conditions. It also provides us a means by which we can evaluate our needs, deficiencies, and plan for the future.

As always, we are still looking for volunteers. Civil defense meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at our headquarters behind the Police Station on South Main Street. There is no obligation to attend all meetings and people with varied backgrounds and experiences will be valuable assets to our team.

## **Veterans' Services**

Paul R. Bergeron, Director

Financial aid and or counsel was given by the Veterans' Agent to Sharon resident veterans who had a need and met the Commonwealth of Massachusetts guidelines. Arrangements were made with other agencies for those who did not meet the state criteria.

Veterans and or their family members were provided Veteran Services consisting of information, referral and advice as well



as aid in preparation of applications for veteran entitlements. The service was oriented toward the goal of obtaining veterans benefits offered by the state and federal government. The applications consisted of one or a combination of entitlements related to medical care, hospitalization, insurance, burial allowance, grave markers, educational opportunities, home loans, pensions, correction of military records and other veteran benefits.

The Veterans Advisory column in the Sharon Advocate was continued. The purpose of the articles was to inform veterans and the community of veterans' issues and activities.

Memorial Day activities were held the Sunday prior to Memorial Day and will continue to be held on that day in the future. The activities consisted of a grave site service held at Rock Ridge Cemetery and a civic ceremony conducted in front of the Town Hall. The Sharon Combined Veterans Council assisted in the Memorial Day activities.

Prior to the civic ceremony, there was a short parade through the center of Sharon. At the Town Hall, a student from each of the elementary schools read their essay about Memorial Day.

A Flag Day Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was done the evening of June 14, 2000 at the Sharon Memorial Beach.

The Sharon Veterans of Foreign Wars members performed a Retreat Ceremony at the Civil War Monument located at Rock Ridge Cemetery. This was done prior to sunset on Veterans Day. During the day, the Sharon VFW Post was open to the public with a display of militia uniforms and memorabilia.

The Sharon Historical Society dedicated their United States Flag Pole to the memory of Wallace Dutton who served in World War I. The Dutton family was present for the ceremony along with Selectman Walter "Joe" Roach, State Senator Jo Ann Sprague and State Representative Lou Kafka. The American Legion Post provided an honor guard and representatives from the other veteran organizations were in attendance.

A Salute to Veterans was performed by the Sons of the American Legion on the night of November 11, 2000. The event was open to the public. The past national commander of the VFW, Paul Spera, was the main speaker.

The Sharon Jewish War Veterans offered a breakfast to veterans at the Community Center the Sunday following Veterans Day.

The Sharon Veteran Agent, Paul Bergeron was the featured speaker for the Town of Walpole Veterans' Day Ceremony held on November 11, 2000.



Funeral details were provided by the Sharon Veteran organizations during the year for deceased veterans upon the request of their families. Recent Federal Legislation was passed which now provides a funeral detail upon request to the respective branch of the Armed Forces.

## **Veterans Graves**

Paul R. Bergeron, Veterans' Graves Officer

Veteran Gravesites were visited during the year. For Memorial Day a flower plant was placed at each veteran's grave. Throughout the year a small United States Flag was flown over each veteran grave located at Rock Ridge and Town of Sharon Cemeteries.

Maintenance of the various Town of Sharon cemetery grounds was the responsibility of the Sharon Department of Public Works. The Rock Ridge Cemetery was maintained in an excellent manner by the grounds staff of the Rock Ridge Cemetery Association.

The placement of flowers and replacement of the United States Flags was accomplished by volunteers from the Sharon American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Auxiliary, Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sons of the American Legion, and Girl and Boy Scouts. Various individuals who were not veterans also participated.

The Sharon Jewish War Veterans coordinated with the Sharon Memorial Cemetery staff for placement of United States Flags at the veteran gravesites in that cemetery for Memorial Day.

**Sharon Public Library &  
Board of Trustees of the Sharon Public Library**

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**Library Pages**

Sue Cohen, Mildred Worthley

Another year has hurriedly passed all of us by but not without noticeable change at the Sharon Public Library. The Library did not have to bid farewell or extend a big welcome to any new staff members over the past 12 months; the first time in recent memory that there has been no turnover in staff. You will find all the same familiar and friendly faces providing you with top-notch library services when you visit the Library.

The Library, through much hard work by Barbra Katz, has been awarded a state grant that will see the creation of the Sharon Historical Information Network, a collaboration of the Library, the Town Clerk's Office, the Sharon Historical Society and nearly 40 other town organizations including most houses of worship. The goal of this project will be to identify the town's historical records and to make them more accessible to those investigating Sharon's storied past.

The Library remained cramped for space and the Trustees continued to work with the town's Facilities Planning Committees. The Trustees and Library staff have been and will continue to work with the relevant committees and architects in the coming months ensuring that the Library's space needs are met in a redesigned Wilbur School. In the interim, the Library continues to work towards meeting the public's demand for popular materials by maintaining a strong materials budget and the public's need for

space by adding additional shelving throughout the building to accommodate its growing collections.

Even as we push forward to having a new library facility the need to maintain the existing building still remains. The Library does boast of a new coat of paint in many of the public areas of the building; look for additional painting to commence in the spring. Likewise, the Library sports a new roof over a portion of the building finally eliminating the need for buckets every time it rained or the snow melted.

The Library newsletter, *Between the Lines*, continues to publish quarterly and offers a calendar of events, lists new acquisitions, stories of interest about the library, a Q&A column called "Ask Babs," and many other quirky, yet interesting library facts. We are happy to add that the newsletter has even served as a recruitment tool with people coming into the library for the first time because of something they read in the newsletter. Pick up a copy the next time you are in the Library or watch for a copy in your mailbox with each new season.

A successful adopt-a-book fund drive, museum pass program, book buddy program (delivery of books to homebound individuals), and library programs (both adult and juvenile interest) have once again proven how remarkable the volunteer-driven Friends of the Sharon Public Library really are. The Friends continued to work for the betterment of the Library by providing funds for the purchase of more children's books, audio/visual materials, computers, and many countless other purchases. Our hats are off to this fantastic group for a mission accomplished again and again!

In addition to staff efforts, volunteers remained integral to the success of the Library. The Friends have recruited volunteers for and maintain the outreach program, Book Buddies, which pairs a volunteer and a home-bound individual together for library service and companionship. Ilse Marks maintains the on-going food drive basket for the Sharon/Stoughton Food Pantry. Carol Lehman continues on as the Library's sole book-mender and Bernice Levine has been gracious enough to assist the Library in making new books shelf-ready. Norman Mayer continued to work hard maintaining order in the oft-unorganized magazine and newspaper collections and Sheila Gough has been working to bring order to the bookshelves by putting materials in call number order. And in the children's room, Marta Kane, Kerri Adams and their families, Allison Dyen, Nancy Lohmiller, Muftaba Ali, Shifra Andelman, and Victoria McManus are to be commended for their commitment to making the children's room a more inviting space. Our thanks go out to those mentioned above and to all those other individuals who have contributed in one way or another over the past year to help make the Library the success that it is. The Library has been the proud recipient of various gifts over the past year. Former Sharon resident and artist, Lou Stubbs donated a beautiful sculpture entitled "The Reader" to the

Children's Room. Shirley Pransky made a gift of the "Children's Chess Corner" in memory of her late husband Kermit. The family of Adeline Freedman made a gift of the Internet workstation furniture. The Library Trustees donated a new display case in honor of former Trustee Marcia Bridgeman. In addition, throughout the year, many library users made donations of materials from their own personal libraries that have supplemented our book, audio and video collections. Our thanks to all of you!

As in years past, the Trustees focused on their responsibilities of dealing with Library priorities, policies, personnel issues, and medium- and long-range goals and objectives. Working closely with the Director, the Trustees continually re-evaluated many of these items, recognizing that change is a major factor in managing any organization in the new millennium. And as in past years, the Trustees appreciate the strong support that Town residents have given to the Sharon Public Library.

Animal Control Department

Animal Control Officer, Diane A. Malcolmson  
Assistants: Paul Spender  
David Martin  
MaryJo Roach  
Bruce McDuff  
Amy Karibian

Calls Received: 2,477  
Animals Picked Up:

	Total	Returned to Owner	Adopted	Taken to MSPCA
DOGS:	24	20	2	2
CATS:	12	5	3	4
RABBITS:	2	0	2	
FERRETS:	2	1	1	
BIRDS:	2	0	2	

Animal Lost/Found:

	Lost	Found	Unknown
DOGS:	21	20	1
CATS:	26	4	22

WILDLIFE:

Field Calls	Released on Site	Taken to Rehabilitation	Destroyed	Other
322	267	7	33	15

Over 1,600 dogs were licensed during the year; 364 citations were issued for non-licensing of dogs or violation of the leash law and 23 of those were eventually heard at the Stoughton District Court. It is the responsibility of the Animal Control Department to ensure that all dogs residing in the Town of Sharon are licensed yearly. License reminder postcards are mailed along with the town census. This assures us that all persons residing in Sharon are notified of dog licensing.



The Town of Sharon is fortunate to be able to house their animals at the Town of Canton Animal Shelter on Bolivar Street in Canton. The shelter provides separate indoor living quarters for cats and dogs and outdoor, enclosed runs for both cats and dogs. Please feel free to visit us when you are looking to adopt a pet.

The Annual Rabies Clinic was held on April 8, 2000. Dr. Russell Siegel administered the vaccines to 25 cats and 44 dogs. The money raised from the clinic went to the Town of Sharon Animal Assistance Fund that was established years ago to benefit injured, unclaimed animals as well as for educational programs. Many thanks to all whom have donated to this fund in the past. The public has been made aware of the continued threat of rabies in town. By having your pet(s) vaccinated for rabies and keeping them up to date on their vaccine, the threat of rabies affecting any pet owner will be alleviated.

The majority of the calls received by the Animal Control Department are now related to nuisance wild animal situations. Through publications, networking with other Animal Control Officers and past experiences, this department has become very effective in helping its residents to find solutions to their problems. Some of the wild animals that the department deals with are; skunks, woodchucks, red tail fox, deer, raccoon, opossum, squirrels, birds (of all types and sizes), and coyote.

### **Borderland State Park Advisory Council**

Jean Santos

Borderland State Park enjoyed another year of increasing popularity, expanded programming, and more community involvement. Attendance was estimated at well over 220,000. This also projected more wear-and-tear on the park facilities and more long hours of work for the supervisor and staff.

Projects completed during the year included a new septic system installed at the Visitors' Center. The level of the field was raised one foot, and the system contains a 10,000 gal. tank and an 8,000 gal. pumping chamber to new leaching fields. The original system proved inadequate for the public need. Other projects completed are the installation of electrical service to the maintenance garage and the mansion by the Edison Company. Underground lines eliminate poles in the woods and finally bring power to the garage after many years of darkness. A third project is the repair of the mansion roof, finally approved by the state. A contract has been signed but work has not yet begun.

The acquisition of Rattlesnake Hill property by the town of Sharon (not yet approved in an election) has been of great interest to the Borderland Board. Possible effects of development have been discussed since the area directly abuts the park.

Programs inaugurated this year were a plant sale and swap in May, a celebration Open House for the 100th Wedding Anniversary of the Ames', a Children's Tea Party, a bat program at the lodge, a Women's Heritage tour, Biodiversity walks to count various species with pot-luck breakfast, and a holiday Open House with Bell Choir performance. The usual programs featuring mansion tours, bird walks, mushroom hunting, star and moon viewing, song and story hours, hay rides, weed walks, etc., brought bigger crowds than ever.

Teachers' projects included four workshops held in August, dubbed "Aquatics," "Terrestrial," "Learning Tree," and "Project Wet." The Junior Rangers graduated 13 students who hiked, cleared and cleaned. "Girls in Science," in collaboration with the Children's Museum of Easton, attracted 60 girls for hand-on experiments. The Mass. Federation of Garden Clubs used the mansion as part of their state-wide tours. Flower arrangements coordinated with paintings brought people from all over the state to Borderland.

A dawn redwood tree was planted in front of the mansion next to the Historic District marker rock. It was funded by a group of knitters from Foxborough in memory of Howard Nudd. Andrew Salisbury of Easton completed his Eagle Scout project by working on the Pond Edge Trail, covering exposed roots and making hiking easier. He also added benches and fishing piers along Leach Pond. Marc Bridgeman of Sharon, son of Marcia and Roger Bridgeman, produced a book called "Sharon Trails: A Hiker's Guide to Sharon, Mass.," as his Eagle project. The maps are in full color with the trails clearly marked, with levels of difficulty and times for completion. Twelve miles of trail in Borderland are included. Mark is a member of Troop 95, whose scoutmaster is Ed Goscinak.

People who deserve special recognition are Jan Ruhl Parr of Sharon who served as president of "Friends" for two years and has served the park for many more. Her hard work and dedication have made a difference. Emily Norton of Sharon received the Outstanding Biology Teacher award. She has been president of the "Friends" and has continuously helped in leading walks, planning, etc. She teaches science at Sharon High.

Bob Babineau and his wonderful staff continue to make this park outstanding. For questions or comments, call the park (508-238-6566) or the Sharon representative (781-784-5835).

## Commission on Disability

Sidney J. Rosenthal, Ph.D., Chair, Renee Gordon, Vice-chair  
Shirley Brownstein, David I. Clifton, Florence Finkel, Chickie  
Monahan, Robert Nichol, Donna Ring, Robert Sondheim,  
*Ex officio*: Norma Simons Fitzgerald, Director, Council On Aging

During 2000, your Commission met on ten different occasions during the year in order to discuss issues relative to the Americans With Disabilities Act. All meetings were held at the Community Center. Additional site visitations and inspections were also made to facilities and businesses in the town.

1. The Commission is monitoring the development of the Wilber School project as well as other town construction projects and will review final plans and inspect for accessibility.
2. A wheelchair platform will be constructed at the end of the ramp at the Community Center beach using monies donated by the Commission from its ticket fund.
3. Our offer of a \$2000 donation from the ticket fund has been accepted by the Library to go toward a purchase of a reader or software in memory of our first Chairman, Ralph Bellis.
4. The station ramp design proposed by the State to be used in conjunction with the reconstructed overpass has been rejected as unsuitable for use by the disabled. The Town Administrator, Town Engineer and Commission Chair attended a meeting at MBTA Headquarters to discuss the difficulties with the State design. A variance to keep the stairs without a ramp was requested of the Architectural Access Board. At present, no decision has been reached.
5. The variance requested by Cumberland Farms for its establishment at South Main St was granted despite not being supported by the Commission.
6. Starbucks is compliant with a ramp from the rear parking lot to the rear door.
7. The new Town Parking Lot has several handicap spaces, as required.
8. A questionnaire on accessibility in the Town from the Mass. Office on Disability was completed.
9. A complaint about the lack of assistive listening devices at the Hoyt Cinema was resolved with the aid of the Attorney General.



## **The Finance Committee**

Thomas Gillen, Chairman  
Paul Pietal, Vice Chair  
Colleen Tuck, Vice Chair  
William Heitin, Clerk

Carol C. Garza, Administrative Secretary

Paul Bergeron  
Marc Bluestein  
Paul Bouton  
David Fixler

David Grasfield  
Holly Lite  
Daniel Sirkin  
Lee Wernick

In preparation for Town Meetings, the Finance Committee reviews the finances and budgets of the Town agencies and departments and is charged with holding public hearings reviewing Warrant Articles. At the Town Meetings the Finance Committee issues its recommendations, which are distributed in advance in the Town Warrant. The Finance Committee makes the initial motion on each Article along with the reasons for such motion. During the calendar year 2000, the Finance Committee held hearings for eighty Warrant Articles presented at Town Meetings held in January, May and November.

In addition to Town Meeting and financial oversight responsibilities, the Finance Committee performs several other important functions. The Committee manages departmental requests for emergency transfers of money from the Town's Reserve Fund. The Committee has responsibility for the budgets of the Library, Town Clerk, Planning Board, Conservation Commission and other selected departments and boards that come under its purview. Through its liaison system, by attending department committee meetings and through its membership on other Town Committees (Capital Outlay and Priorities), the Finance Committee remains in contact with all operational departments and committees of the Town but is not involved in personnel management or day-to-day management of the Town.

We invite all members of the public to attend our meetings. Meeting times, agendas and locations are posted in Town Hall and are listed on Cable Channel 22. Your participation can make a difference.

## **Historical Commission and Historic District Commission**

Mel Leventhal, Chairman

The Historical District Commission approved renovation and repair plans for properties situated within Sharon's First Historic District, namely the First Congregational Church of Sharon and a



residence located at 38 North Main Street. The Historical Commission approved the issuance of demolition permits by the building inspector for properties on North Main, Walpole and Mansfield streets, neither of the buildings defined as "significant" under the terms of Sharon's Demolition Delay Ordinance. Property located at 201 East Street was deemed by the Commission as being "significant" resulting in the imposition of a delay of six months in the issuance of a permit, the maximum delay allowable under the terms aforesaid ordinance. Prospective buyers were unable to negotiate a sale with the owner resulting in the ultimate issuance of demolition permit. The Department of Public Works, acting upon the request of the Commission began the task of aligning and straightening leaning headstones at the West Cemetery, Sharon's oldest burial ground. The survey of properties to determine "significance" from a historical perspective continues.

### **Lake Management Committee**

Cliff Towner, Chairman  
Mike Baglino, Vice-Chairman  
Richard Kramer  
Walter Newman  
Amanda Sloan  
David Dietz

Your Lake Management Committee had another busy year with its own meetings, meetings with other Town Boards and meetings with State Agencies.

Mike Baglino and David Dietz were reappointed to three-year terms, both are valued members of our committee.

Lake Massapoag's health and water quality continues to excel thanks to an outstanding job performed by Greg Meister, managing the lake on a day-to-day basis.

The committee continues to express its concern for the proposed Well # 8 on the west side of the lake and has had extensive dialogue with State agencies.

The committee has also joined with the Conservation Commission in hiring an outside consultant to review the pump test and draft environmental impact report.

Throughout the summer months the lake is continually tested not only for oxygen, clarity, temperature and flow but also for bacteria to insure safe swimming.

Each year questions and complaints are heard pertaining to weeds in the lake. Weeds are a normal and required part of the lake ecosystem and must be present in order to maintain a healthy and well-balanced lake.

The Lake Management Committee continued to work with the Recreation Department and Conservation Commission this year to plan for further amelioration of the lakeshore environment at Memorial Park Beach. Erosion and compaction along the shoreline, affecting the shoreline trees and water quality, continued to be examined. A plan for improvements, developed by committee member Amanda Sloan as her graduate thesis project in landscape design at Radcliffe, was presented for consideration to various Town Committees. The plan will be implemented over the next few years as a continuation of the grading and drainage improvements begun at the lake in 1993.

### **Long Range Planning Task Force**

George Bailey, Chair;

Patricia Zlotin; Philip Kopel; Janis Edinburgh, Sam Solomon,  
Robert Berish, Ray Kubiak

In the 2½ years since this ad hoc group was created by the Selectmen with assistance from the School Committee and Planning Board, reports and activities of town agencies have been gathered and reviewed, along with regional comparative data. History of zoning since 1950, records of state aid for open space acquisition, and grants for town projects have been tabulated.

It has become apparent that despite careful short term planning, town government programs and needs are not available to voters in a form that assists in informed decision making. Increasing dependence on state funds, growth pressures, regional growth decisions, and targeted state programs tend to whip lash relatively helpless local governments.

A strategic plan for the town, easily maintained, and broadly and instantaneously available to all interested citizens would go far to remedy this problem.

The detailed recommendations of the Task Force are expected to be made to the Selectmen by early Spring.

### **Report of the Representative to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council**

George Bailey

The State was divided into planning regions in the early 1960's. MAPC is the largest, covering over half the state's population. One, Cape Cod, has a governing Commission that has been given power over land use decisions. MAPC, like most, serves merely as a forum for state and local officials to address issues of regional importance. Over the last decade it has developed MetroPlan, a blueprint for planned regional growth. Because Federal transportation laws have insisted on conformance to "regional" plans for eligibility for highway and transit funds, MAPC has oversight responsibility for the region's federally funded transportation program both as one of 14 members of the

Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and because of its staffing role in assisting the six city and town representatives to the MPO.

Working with state legislators, MAPC defined the limits of a statewide road and bridge construction program under Chapter 87 of the Acts of 2000 to secure a more stable funding source and insure an annual \$400 million statewide road and bridge construction program. The state has been shortchanging these projects in recent years in various ways. Also last year MAPC had joined the MBTA Advisory Board and a group of non-governmental organizations to ease the passage of legislation that reformed the funding of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and this year submitted the name of three officers to the Governor for appointment to the expanded MBTA Board of Directors. The Governor agreed to appoint Council President Walker. Similar efforts this year led to the compromise passage of the Community Preservation Act and reform of the Commonwealth's Zoning Enabling Act that permits "cluster by right" when adopted locally. The revised Regional Plan "MetroPlan" is now undergoing discussion. It must recognize the increasing interest in "sustainable" development -- concentrated development with mixed uses, transit access, pedestrian friendly planning. Lastly, implementation requires State leadership -- still almost totally lacking.

MAPC works with its 101 cities and towns through eight subregional organizations. Each subregion has members appointed by the chief elected officials and planning boards of the member communities and is coordinated by an MAPC staff planner. The full Council meets three times a year at various localities throughout the region.

MAPC is continuing its work with local communities on Buildout Analyses throughout the region. The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs has funded this two-year long effort and has contracted with MAPC to complete a buildout analysis for every city and town in the metropolitan region. The purpose of the study is to create an approximate "vision" in quantitative terms of the potential future growth permitted and encouraged by a community's bylaws. All of the communities will have their buildout analysis completed and presented to their town by the end of June 2001. Once the buildout analysis is presented to the local community, the community becomes eligible for up to \$30,000 funding for planning assistance under Executive Order 418, a program that will allocate funds to any community meeting a schedule for creating more affordable housing over a four year period. The benefit: increased eligibility for grants funds from a wide variety of programs.

MAPC completed a model study funded by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. It describes an innovative land use technique to preserve land while accommodating development. Termed "Conservation Subdivision Design", it includes a guide to



drafting a local bylaw, a review of some of the better by-laws in the state, and a model bylaw.

Sharon's representative was reelected to the 25 member Executive Committee and met monthly on budget, policy, and legislative issues. He continues to push for using electronic toll collection to both pay for very high cost benefits to users -- like the Central Artery / Tunnel complex, Route 3 North and South -- and to regulate use through use of congestion pricing. This concept has been included in the MPO (2000-2025) transportation plan, albeit reluctantly. His concern over the detrimental regional impact of the initial "megamall" plan for the South Weymouth Naval Air Station redevelopment, and its \$50 million subsidy by the State Highway department, won belated support -- both by the rejection of the plan by the tri-town agency in charge and the second round report to MEPA by MAPC. Also questioned is use of GAN's -- Grant Anticipation Notes -- which earmark future State and federal funds for payment of current borrowing, which will limit the availability of transportation funds for the region's facilities throughout the coming decade.

## **Report of the Designee to the MBTA Advisory Board**

George Bailey

The MBTA District grew from 78 cities and towns to 175 on July 1, 2000, beginning its new life as a financially self-sustaining transit system. It's income, now reasonably predictable over decades, mandates appropriate expense control, a new more responsible public sector model.

Revenue is dependent on fixed sources (57% Sales Tax revenue, and 14% assessments on served communities) since only 29% comes from user fees (fares, etc.) and a small component of federal assistance. While a profit & Loss balance sheet was submitted to the Board FinCom and the full Board and accepted, substituting for the line item budget of the past, the model is obviously not that of a private sector business. Federal grants for capital programs will continue to flow directly from Federal Transit Administration subject to prioritization by the MPO. With this autonomy from legislative oversight, the role of the four person Advisory Board staff and the voluntary participation of city and town representatives becomes more important than ever.

The MBTA's FY2001 financial plan was submitted to the Advisory Board early in 2000. It commits to a 25% fare increase on or before 11/1/2000 and later fare increase of 9% in 2003 and 2005. The T plans to decrease operating costs by 2% annually for five years and has included in the capital program, the Greenbush extension, Automatic Fare Collection (for subway and bus), additional Blue Line cars, Alternative Fuel Buses, and the Pawtucket Layover Facility (replacing South Attleboro). The plan contains a caveat that plan funds provide limited resources for



system modernization and infrastructure improvements.

Much interest has been shown by Advisory Board members from Commuter Rail communities in the T's solutions to overcrowded trains, delays, and oversubscribed parking facilities. The T's Capital program includes purchase and retrofit of 75 Kawasaki double decker cars in FY00 and procurement of 15 more in FY2001. Twenty-five remanufactured locomotives will have been received by FY03, and mid-life overhauls of 37 locomotives is scheduled over the next five fiscal years. Deployment of the passenger cars and locomotives will be the subject of Commuter Rail Committee meetings scheduled for early 2001. In December, Sharon's representative, acting on behalf of Commuter Rail Communities, filed a MEPA comment objecting to certain aspects of the proposal to erect an office building over South Station.

Continuing to plague Sharon commuters is a parking shortage -- largely the product of much delayed Depot Street Bridge reconstruction. Clogged stairways were the subject of studies by Sharon DPW and it was determined that a bridge and stair structure located at the Southern end of the platform would ease the crush and make the trek from train to parked vehicle much easier and safer. Existence of an ADA required ramp structure at the bridge was hoped to suffice. As of late 2000, however, the Mass. Highway Department had not only rejected construction of the southern stairway-bridge but now plans no Depot St. Bridge replacement stairway but a ramp/path along the embankments on both sides. The MBTA has no Station investments planned in the next three years. Challenges to the MHD decision are being lodged through our legislators. MAPC, the MPO, and the MBTA will asked to help in negotiations.

In July, the Advisory Board Chair, Mayor Torrigian of Peabody, reappointed Sharon's designee as Chair of the Commuter Rail Committee, and to membership in the Board's Finance Committee.

### **Norfolk County Commissioners**

William P. O'Donnell, Chairman

John M. Gillis

Peter H. Collins

NORFOLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Norfolk County:

We wish to thank you and our municipal officials for allowing us to provide county services to our twenty-eight communities. Thanks also to the advisory board, county officials, department heads and employees for their continuing support, assistance, and cooperation. Through the continued efforts of all involved in Norfolk County government, we continue to be a useful and financially healthy entity.

During fiscal year 2000, in addition to traditional regional services monies spent to fund the Norfolk County R&SVP Program, Domestic Violence Ended and local food pantries, we funded new services including:

- Summer Youth Program for Dedham to provide employment opportunities to young people ages 14-20
- Program to increase tourism and attract new business
- Traffic study projects on Route 138 corridor and Sharon commuter rail

The County continued to support its version of legislation to promote funding for Open Space and Recreation purposes, for the benefit of its municipalities. Another successful Annual Norfolk County Legislative Breakfast was held at the Norfolk County Agricultural School in Walpole. We hosted a special luncheon in honor of our R&SVP volunteers who served at the former Massachusetts Respiratory Hospital, in addition to the annual volunteer recognition banquet. A federal grant in excess of \$198,000 was awarded to us by the U.S. Department of Justice. Proceeds from the grant allowed us to purchase critical communications equipment for use by local police, fire and emergency services units, allowing them to communicate on the same frequency, in the event of a terrorist incident.

The Norfolk County Agricultural High School in Walpole, continues to provide high quality, technical programs in horticulture, arboriculture, natural resources, pet store operations, dog grooming, diesel and gasoline equipment maintenance and repair, and construction of basic farm structures. The school has done much to prepare for the high standards of MCAS; Norfolk County Aggie students' test scores were highest in the state, for a vocational school.

The Registry of Deeds provides state-of-the-art services to the public. Hundreds of people visited the Registry each week to conduct their business. Documents recorded in the Registry and Land Court totaled 172,745.

Wollaston Recreational Facility in North Quincy provides local golfers with an excellent course on which to play, at reasonable prices. Each year Presidents Golf Course presents the popular Norfolk County Classic Golf Tournament. Improvements to the course this year, included a new well to improve irrigation. It will ready to furnish water by spring of 2001. A new food service contract was awarded to Union Chowder House, well-known in our area for its tasty cuisine.

Services available from the County Engineering Department included highway layouts, topographic or existing conditions surveys and plans, the staking and monumentation of County Layouts, through the use of GPS , as well as preparation of street acceptance plans and performing traffic counts. Carlos A. Sanchez was appointed County Engineer, upon retirement of former County Engineer John M. Paronich.

The Office of the Sheriff, under Sheriff Michael G. Bellotti, administered various programs, in accordance with their goals and objectives to provide continuing progressive leadership, including establishment of a Triad Program to help prevent, rather than react to crime.

Our continuing goal is to develop and implement regional services that will enhance the quality of life for our citizens.

## Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project

John J. Smith, Superintendent

The operational program of the Project integrates all proven technologies into a system of mosquito control that is rational, environmentally sensitive and cost effective.

All mosquito eggs need water to hatch and to sustain larval growth.

Water Management Projects: Our primary efforts are concentrated on the management of shallow, standing, stagnant water, and the maintenance of existing flow systems which can contribute to mosquito breeding.

Drainage ditches checked/cleaned	16,015 feet
Culverts checked/cleaned	45 culverts

Larval Control: Treatment of mosquito larvae during aquatic development is the next most effective control effort.

Larval control by backpack/briquets/mistblowers	84.56 acres
Rain Basin treatments	1,200 basins

Adult Control: The suppression of flying adult mosquitos becomes necessary when they are numerous, annoying, and/or threatening to residents.

Adult control aerosol applications from trucks	7,232 acres
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Surveys, inspections, and pre/post monitoring in support of our program include locating and mapping breeding areas, larval and adult collections, and field work evaluations leading to better water management.

NCMCP received 189 calls from residents for information and assistance.



## THE PLANNING BOARD

Roger Stein, chair  
Phillip Chapman, Vice Chair  
Samuel Solomon, Clerk  
Arnold Cohen  
Joel Tran

Birute Ziaugra, Administrative Assistant

The Planning Board met 26 times in public session, held eight public hearings and convened six times in Executive Session. There were four definitive subdivision plans submitted and one preliminary plan. Two definitive subdivisions were approved and one was disapproved; one is still pending; the preliminary plan was approved. Numerous Form A Plans (Approval Not Required) were submitted and acted upon. Thirteen applications were submitted for sign review.

Definitive subdivisions that were submitted for action were:

Willis Hanscom Estates, Definitive - Approved  
Goldenwood Estates - Disapproved (Approved pursuant to Land Court decision)  
Silver Tree Estates - Pending  
Tanglewood Extension - Approved

The preliminary plan submitted was for Mountain Street Estates, and it was approved.

Additional business included acceptance, reduction and substitution of sureties on subdivisions approved in earlier years; review and revision of the Town's Zoning By-Laws; review of the current Town Zoning Map; numerous meetings with the developers of the Mink Trap, Presidential Estates and Eisenhower Drive Extension subdivisions regarding subdivision modification; intensively working with the representatives of the Rattlesnake Hill property regarding the writing of a new zoning by-law to encompass flexible recreational development, including a golf course and mixed housing; working with the representatives of the Post Office Square Revitalization Committee to polish the language regarding the requirements for activity in the Square; working with the residents of Seminole Circle to bring their street up to Town standards so that it may be adopted as a public way; addressing concerns of the MacIntosh Farms residents requesting a change in the Special Permit to allow use of a loft or basement as a functioning room; holding numerous meetings with the residents of the Square area concerning wireless telecommunications towers; and addressing numerous other concerns in various subdivisions.

The Board members were pleased that Samuel Solomon was re-elected to the Board in the spring Town election for a second term.

The Board sincerely wishes to express its appreciation and



compliments to the other Town Boards, Town employees and many citizens who have assisted us during the year. In particular, special mention must be made regarding the invaluable contributions made by the Board's Administrative Assistant, Ms. Birute Ziaugra, and the Town Engineer, Eric Hooper. Due to their consistent and tireless assistance, the Board has been able to implement its decisions with maximum efficiency and accuracy.

## **Department of Weights & Measures**

Charles F. Healy, Sealer

The year 2000 was very busy for the Sealer of Weights and Measures. Under the Consumer & Merchant Protection Acts of 1998, all Sealers in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts must be certified. Our Sealer attended all classes, and passed the state exams and the State Field Test.

Every business establishment within the Town, using weighing or measuring devices for buying or selling of goods, were tested and inspected. The devices being used were inspected for accuracy, and adjusted, when necessary, to bring them within acceptable tolerances, and sealed.

All reports that are required by the Massachusetts General Laws were completed, and filed with the State Division of Standards.

Every request to inspect, seal or adjust new or used weighting or measuring equipment was responded to, and a report on the services rendered was filed. All the testing equipment that is used to check the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices used by merchants within the Town have been calibrated and certified by the State Division of Standards as being accurate.

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There were 122 weighing or measuring devices sealed during the year 2000, that were being used by merchants for the sale of goods, or commodities. Inspections of meters, scales and prepackaged goods at fifteen (15) establishments within the Town were made. All fees collected were turned over to the Town Treasurer.

## **Self Help Incorporated**

Norma Wang, Administrative Assistant

During the program year ending September 30, 2000, Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately \$16.7M and provided direct services to 17,591 limited income households in the area.

In the Town of Sharon, SHI provided services totaling \$192,124 to 169 households during program year 2000.

Self Help's total funding of \$16,699,454 does not tell the real value of services delivered to the area as a whole. This funding enabled us to mobilize an additional \$1,399,684 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the total impact of Self Help, Inc., during the past program year was \$18,450,931.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 280 individuals. Many of these individuals are of limited income, and most reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many individuals and/or families as we did, regardless of the challenges of being a human service provider.

We thank all the volunteers, the Board of Selectmen, the limited income representative Ms. Doris Annis, and the private sector representatives, for helping to make Fiscal Year 2000 a successful one.

## **Report of the Southeastern Regional School District**

Mindy M. Kempner, School Committee Member

The Southeastern Regional School District offers 21 high school technical training programs and seven technical institute post-secondary programs. On October 1, 2000, 1,154 students were enrolled in the high school and 125 students were enrolled in the technical institute.

Sharon's share of the total FY2001 \$4,926,731 assessment represents 15 students at a total cost of \$10,578.

Southeastern Regional continues to receive grants from a variety of state and federal sources that augment local funds to improve and expand the education services we provide. Southeastern receives funds from federal programs such as IDEA-Special Education Entitlement, Special Education-Supporting Access to the Curriculum, Title I- Safe and Drug Free Schools, Perkins-Occupational Education Vocational Skills and Tech Prep. Commonwealth of Massachusetts grants for Health Protection, Essential Skills and Technical Training provides for improved and expanded instructional programs. Southeastern's collaboration with MY TURN, a private non-profit organization based in Brockton, provides students with school to career activities.

Southeastern Regional continues to align the English/Language Arts and mathematic curricula with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to meet the requirements of

Educational Reform and the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests. Southeastern started a parent focus group as an ongoing forum for parents to discuss issues concerning MCAS with the administration.

In June of 2000, the high school graduated 204 students. Placement records indicate that 90% of the Class of 2000 were placed in full-time jobs or had elected to further their education.

Participation in Skills USA/VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) and other student organizations increased as we are looking for a very competitive year ahead where Southeastern students will be recognized for many outstanding achievements. Winners of the Massachusetts Skills USA/VICA competition in the Opening and Closing Event competed at the National Skills USA/VICA Competition in Kansas City, Missouri.

The officers of the National Honor Society attended a four-day leadership conference in Washington, D.C.

Program Advisory Committees for every program offered at Southeastern, met in November to discuss the curriculum, instruction and equipment needed to allow each program, to remain at industry standards. These committees, made up of parents, students and industry representatives, met again in April to discuss their deliberations and make recommendations for improvements to the Southeastern Regional District School Committee. These recommendations are the basis for the continuing improvement of programs at Southeastern Regional.

Southeastern is committed to opening up greater communication with its alumni. An Alumni Committee started contacting former graduates to increase connections with the Southeastern Regional Alumni.

The Southeastern Technical Institute has had a very successful year. While recruiting was somewhat more difficult, we began with a strong cadre of students. We are fortunate to continue our relationship with My Turn which has enabled us to provide more intensive English As A Second Language tutorials. This service will enable more students to be successful in the technical institute, as well as in securing solid employment.

Last year was the first time technical institute students participated in Skills USA/VICA. We were the proud winners of ten medals including two gold medals at the state competition. Those winners representing Licensed Practical Nursing and Medical Assisting went on to the national competition in Kansas City, Missouri. Ms. Kelley Souleiman won a bronze medal in Medical Assisting and Ms. Marge Cabral placed fifth. Faculty, staff and fellow students were all proud of everyone's performance.



## Southeastern Regional Services Group

Catherine Salisbury, SERSG Regional Administrator

The year 2000 began with the preparation of a grant application that was filed in February on behalf of the Boards of Health of the City of Taunton and Towns of Easton, East Bridgewater, Raynham and Stoughton with the Department of Public Health to secure funding under the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program. Our application was successful and we have secured funding for the next four years for a collaborative Board of Health Tobacco Control Program that SERSG will administer for the five municipalities.

In May and June, the Town Meetings of Foxborough, Sharon and Easton adopted a Right-of-Way By-Law which was researched and drafted by the SERSG Regional Administrator. This By-Law establishes a comprehensive regulatory scheme to manage the public ways in these towns and protect the taxpayer's investment in their public infrastructure. The By-Law is prospective in its application, but requires that all entities that wish to locate a facility in the public way must first apply for a permit in the town. The By-Law establishes a formula for determining a reasonable rental, an application procedure, conditions of the permit, construction requirements and a license agreement to be signed by the applicant of the town. The By-Law assures that the Town can collect rental payments from private companies that wish to use public ways in order to make a profit for their business.

Cooperative invitations for Bids were prepared for member municipalities in April for DPW Supplies and in October for DPW Services. These cooperative procurements resulted once again in significant savings for SERSG cities and towns.

In October SERSG Sponsored a Public Liability Workshop for members of permit-granting boards such as Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions, Boards of Health and Zoning Boards of Appeals. The Workshop was held at the Howard School in West Bridgewater. The first presentation focused on how public officials should discharge their duties. It covered topics such as scope of authority, exercising your discretion, procedural due process and the mechanics of decision-making, creating a proper record of Board decisions and enforcement of those decisions. The second part of the evening covered the topic of sovereign immunity, the public duty rule and civil rights violations. Fifth-eight individuals attended our workshop.

The Southeastern Regional Services Group looks forward to continuing its mission of providing procurement services, researching and analyzing issues of common municipal concern and administering grants for its seventeen member municipalities. As we begin our eighth year of service, we are pleased with the ongoing support of our Board of Directors and the achievements that we have made together.

## **Three Rivers Interlocal Council**

George Bailey

Sharon's subregion, (TRIC), met on a regular basis (monthly) to discuss and work on issues of local concern. Canton, Dedham, Dover, Foxborough, Medfield, Milton, Needham, Norwood, Stoughton, Walpole and Westwood are also member communities of the subregion. The community representatives of the TRIC subregion consist primarily of town planners, elected officials, and community representatives from the eleven neighboring towns. This year, TRIC:

Participated in the development of the new Regional Transportation Plan, the main document that will determine transportation investments and funding until 2025, by reviewing the region's existing conditions, policies, and growth management options;

Discussed the implications of potential growth as shown by buildout analyses completed by MAPC. Thus far, ten out of the 12 TRIC communities have had their Executive Office of Environmental Affairs funded buildout analysis completed. Sharon's buildout has been sent to the EOEA which plans to send the Watershed coordinator for the TRIC region to present the report to the Board of Selectmen early in 2001. (Sharon's GIS development has been given very high marks by MAPC staff and clearly represents the state of the art in the MAPC region.)

Hosted a workshop on Conservation Subdivision Design, a model study completed by MAPC on an innovative land use technique to preserve land while accommodating development. This has been forwarded to The Planning Board and we have discussed the possibility of using the MAPC for assistance to redrafting Sharon's zoning bylaw. MAPC has agreed to an initial meeting with the Planning Board at its earliest convenience.

Met regularly with the Central Planning Staff to discuss MPO plans for the regional road and transit network.

### **NMS Tobacco Control Program**

Karen Doucette, Program Coordinator

#### **History**

Serving the Towns of Norton, Mansfield and Sharon, the Tobacco Control Program is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health from a \$.25 tax on each pack of cigarettes sold in Massachusetts. The program staff works with the Boards of Health and their agents in each of its towns to increase public awareness about the numerous issues regarding the sale and use of tobacco products.

## Activities

Using adult and youth volunteers, compliance checks were conducted to determine if merchants were selling tobacco products to youth under 18. Overall the stores in Sharon have an excellent record of keeping tobacco out of the hands of children. When necessary, Merchant Education classes were held to help make individual retailers aware of state and municipal regulations regarding the sale and use of tobacco products.

The Sharon Board of Health Regulation Affecting Smoking and the Sale, Vending and Distribution of Tobacco received an overhaul this past April. Restaurant smoking section language was deleted from the regulation, definitions were amended to clarify their meaning and a few new sections were added to enhance enforcement options. Regulatory language was added on holding hearings, license suspensions and embargo of products.

In addition to the above activities, NMS members participated in a number of community events & projects. Our table at the Lakeside Band Concert Series enabled us to talk with residents about various smoking or tobacco related issues. Another community event that we participated in was the Horizons for Youth Family Fun Day. The Tobacco Control Program staff has also assisted the SAFE program with presentations in the Sharon public schools.

Residents of the town are encouraged to use the wide variety of information and resources about tobacco available through the program.

## **Water Management Advisory Committee**

Fred Clay, Chair,  
Herb Gould, David Mark, Rory McGregor, Roger Thibault

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Selectmen regarding the quality and quantity of the Sharon public water supply, and measures to maintain these characteristics at the highest possible level. The issues include well performance, distribution, storage, control equipment, environmental protection, and conservation measures.

2000 activities and events:

- 1) 19 meetings. All meeting times are posted on the bulletin board in the Town Hall.
- 2) As a result of continued concern regarding the adequacy of system capacity to meet public safety requirements the Committee recommended that the 1999 restrictions on outside summer water use remain in place.



- 3) The Committee participated in the development of a detailed study with cost estimates for a high pressure district and additional water storage. The study was completed and presented to the November special town meeting. The Warrant article requesting an appropriation to make these improvements was indefinitely postponed. It is planned to resubmit the request to the 2001 regular town meeting.
- 4) The Committee participated in preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for proposed well #8 which was submitted to Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and the Department of Environmental Protection during 2000. The DEIR has been returned requesting additional information, and revision is underway. This well is intended to provide redundant system capacity. It will not permit additional consumption beyond that already allowed by the DEP. Therefore, water conservation measures should continue to be observed.

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

Thomas Karp, Chair

Edward Hershfield, Secretary,

Herb Clickman, Regular Member

Davis Hamer, Walter Newman, Daniel Rosenfeld, Alternate Members

Gayle Cipitelli, Administrative Secretary to the Board

The Zoning Board of Appeals met twenty-one (21) times during 2000. In the course of those meetings, twenty-seven (27) applicants came before the Board requesting either a special permit or a variance. Of the twenty-seven (27) cases heard, twenty-one (21) were granted, four were denied and two are still under review. The year 2000 also saw the appointment of Thomas A. Karp as Chair; replacing E. David Levy who had completed his term on the Board, and the appointment of Regular Member Edward Hershfield as Secretary, and the appointments of Herb Glickman as Regular Member and Daniel Rosenfeld as a new Alternate Member to the Board

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to the other town boards and town employees for their support and assistance during the year. It is due to their help that the Board is able to render its decision in an informed and expeditious fashion.

## Sharon Conservation Commission

*"You must bind up any wounds you give the earth and you must feed her to replace what you take from her. Every gift she gives, every tree, every stalk of grain, costs her. Only if you repay your debts will she continue to provide." - Morgan Llywelyn*

Margaret Arguimbau, Chairman  
Peter Holden  
Janet Dunlap  
Peter Granoff

Hank Langstroth  
Lealdon Langley  
Rose Perrizo  
Michael Cook

Greg Meister - Officer  
Diane Malcolmson - Clerk

The Conservation Commission (CC) held 20 hearings and issued 17 Order of Conditions. Many of these hearings were related to septic system repair/replacement in order to comply with the updated Title V regulations. Some were dealing with subdivisions such as Johnson's Hollow (off Wolomolopoag St.), Tyler Farm (off Bay Rd.), Hanscom Estates (off East St.) and Silver Tree (off North Main St.). The proposal for Well 3 redevelopment was done as planned. We finalized the hearing for Salvation Army's plans to upgrade their camp cabins and septic systems. We were able to protect the following acreage through the subdivision process; 20+ acres from Johnson's Hollow, 8+acres from Tanglewood, 2 acres from Tyler Farm, and 4+ acres from Hanscom Estates.

The Commission was in agreement with the Water Management Advisory Committee and the Lake Management Committee in their recommendations to the Selectmen for implementing the "one day per week" watering restrictions for the summer. The Selectmen, rather, chose to stay with the "odd/even" plan. The CC formulated a worksheet which we planned to enclose with Water Bills. This would enable homeowners to compute their water usage per person per day with the hopes that the importance of conserving water would be more meaningful using their own numbers. In addressing the present and future water needs of the town, there was much time and energy spent reviewing the proposed development of a new well, #8, off Chase Dr. The impacts to wetlands and Lake Massapoag, an analysis of possible alternative sites, and the monitoring of the groundwater in both new and existing locations were some of the concerns of our comments and review.

There were other special matters that required our attention. The long standing enforcement issue with Sid Pratt was finally settled in the courts and the CC is hopeful of the landowner's cooperation. We continue to work on updating and revising our Rules and Regulations to delineate and clarify our role in, and expectation for, the review process regarding the protection of the town's natural resources. This year we were again fortunate to have an Eagle Scout Project proposed which would map, mark, and upgrade the existing trail system within the town. This was a major undertaking and the CC would like to congratulate Mark Bridgeman on a job well done. It is a product of which the CC is

very proud and for which we are extremely grateful. The town will surely benefit from the information gathered and compiled in his book of trails. Thank you, Mark!

A great portion of the year involved the negotiating for the purchase of King Philip's Rock and Rattlesnake Hill. It was a major effort involving not only the CC, but a significant number of town's people that disseminated information, gathered support and raised the community's awareness of the importance of preserving these large, targeted, open-space parcels. With the help of Rep. Lou Kafka and Sen. Joanne Sprague we were able to secure a 2 million dollar commitment from the State towards the purchase of Rattlesnake Hill. On November 13th, at a Special Town Meeting, Article 1 received a two-thirds vote for borrowing \$12,775,000.00. to buy both parcels. The CC had also reviewed Article 2, the new "flexible recreational development" option, that would impact the Rattlesnake Hill property and allow for a golf course to be constructed on the site. Action under that article was indefinitely postponed. Would the town follow up on its commitment to the purchase? The subsequent election would not be held until February 13, 2001.

The CC was put in an awkward situation this year when two of its members came up for reappointment. Somehow, we got wrapped up in a controversy of which we were not a part and for which we paid a price. While we were fortunate to have Peter Holden approved for another three year term, we lost the expertise and sound advice of Lealdon Langley. It requires dedication and commitment to give of one's time and knowledge on a volunteer basis. The town's committees benefit from many, many people who do just that. We are still wondering why someone of Lealdon's qualifications and with his willingness to serve would be turned down. The CC wishes to thank all those who "applied" for "vacancies" and welcomes Michael Cook as its newest member.

We want to express our thanks and gratitude to all the residents that are supportive of our efforts in natural resource protection. Hopefully, we can continue to earn that support in the future for the benefit of all.

### Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee

#### Sharon Members

Gregory Meister  
Patrick Dorcus  
Dave Masciarelli

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee (C.R.A.A.C.) held 11 meetings during the year. The Committee rotates its meetings in one of the five towns on the Canoe River: Easton, Mansfield, Norton, Foxborough, and Sharon. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, between 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

The Committee spent a good portion of their meetings discussing



water restrictions in the five communities, and the need to educate homeowners on proper lawn care techniques.

The Committee sponsored a Lawn Care Seminar on March 30, 2000, at the Norton Middle School, with Mike Walsh of Horticultural Concepts. Over 750 brochures were mailed out to the five communities and there were over 100 people in attendance. The seminar was videotaped and copies were distributed to each community to be shown on their local cable station.

Jennifer Carlino, Norton Conservation Agent, applied for a \$3,000 grant to help fund the Lawn Care Seminar.

The Committee had window decals made with their logo, which were distributed at all events throughout the year.

The Committee held its Annual Awareness Day on Saturday, May 13, 2000, on Redmill Road at the Easton/Norton town line. Linda Marler, from the Department of Environmental Management, spoke to approximately 30 attendees on protecting our river resources in the summer. The day concluded with canoe rides on the river.

Pat Rogers, Taunton River Basin Team Leader, congratulated the Committee on receiving two grants: one in the amount of \$50,000 for a Water Resource Study of the Canoe River, and the second grant of \$44,360 for a Pesticide Study.

The Committee was persistent in its attempts to transfer 183.6 acres of land along Route #495 in Norton from the State D.P.W. to the Town of Norton.

The Town of Norton approved the acquisition of the 57-acre Johnson Property Parcel and the 35-acre Subon Property Parcel. These acquisitions are great contributions to our Greenbelt Project.

The Committee also had presentations at its monthly meetings:

- Peter Garrett of Emery & Garrett Groundwater Inc., on Bedrock Wells.
- Jeff Hanson and John Murphy of Bluestone Energy Services, on the Regional Desalinization Project.

### **Sharon Housing Authority**

Jack Connors, Chairperson  
Irene Scott, Vice Chairperson  
Ray Wallace, Treasurer

Deborah Markson, Assistant Treasurer & State Appointee  
Arnold Kublin , Secretary  
Jane Desberg, Executive Director  
Jill King, Administrative Assistant  
Stanley Preibis, Maintenance Supervisor  
Erick Nelson, Maintenance

The Sharon Housing Authority provides rental housing for persons of low income and principally for people who are residents of Sharon. The Authority provides eighty-eight apartments for elderly and disabled citizens at the Hixson Farm Road complex, six apartments for families at the former Pleasant Street School and a residential facility on Bay Road which is leased on a long term basis to the May Institute. The Authority also administers five Alternative Housing Vouchers. This is a rental assistance program in the form of transitional vouchers that provides a housing option for non-elderly disabled persons.

As financial demands continue to pressure both the town and its residents, we would like to mention that none of the Authority's funding comes from Town revenue, but from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Authority acknowledges with gratitude, the generosity of many organizations in town including the Sharon Council of Aging, the Friends of the Council on Aging, The Sharon Garden Club, The Friends of the Sharon Library and The Sharon Community Band. Thank you also to the many residents of Sharon for their contribution of books and magazines throughout the year.

The Authority continues to be a meal site for HESSCO on Mondays and Wednesdays. Weekly bingo and a social hour follow lunch on Mondays. The clubhouse is used for English as a Second Language and Citizenship classes on a regular basis. On Wednesday mornings the Council on Aging sponsors a social hour at the clubhouse for residents and friends in the community. Once a month, the Board of Health conducts a blood pressure clinic.

The Authority applied for and was accepted into the Department of Housing and Community Development Rent Escrow Program. This program will allow family housing residents to place a portion of their rent into an escrow account. The funds may be used to make the transition from subsidized housing to unsubsidized private housing including home ownership.

During 2000, the Authority conducted a waiting list update to insure that the applicants on the waiting lists were current. Extensive repair work was done to the septic pumps and sprinkler system at the Hixson Farm Road complex. Some exterior painting was done during the summer.

In 1999, the Authority received a state grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development to upgrade the fire alarm system in the older complex on Hixson Farm Road. In the fall of 2000, the Authority received permission to proceed and is working with an electrical engineer on the design phase. The Authority is waiting for permission to undertake emergency roadway repairs. This grant was approved, but still not funded at the close of 2000.

# 2000 TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

## SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS

ACCOUNTANT	JOAN M. LEIGHTON	2001
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	EILEEN M. GENERAZZO, ASST.	2001
3 YEAR		
ADMINISTRATOR	DONALD HILLEGASS	
DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM		
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	DIANE MALCOLMSON	2001
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
1 YEAR TERM		
APPEALS BOARD	THOMAS KARP - CHAIR	2001
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	EDWARD HERSHFIELD	2002
3 YEAR TERM - 3 MEMBERS	HERB GLICKMAN	2001
	DAVIS HAMER - ALTERNATE	2002
	WALTER NEWMAN - ALTERNATE	2003
	DANIEL ROSENFELD - ALTERNATE	2001
ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL		
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	KENNETH BRODY - CHAIR	2002
2 YEAR TERM	NATHAN SIMON	2002
	ROBERT LEVIN	2002
	REISA MARLOWE	2001
ASSESSORS	ROBERT MERRITT	2003
ANNUAL ELECTION	ELLEN WOLFSON ABELSON - CHAIR	2001
3 YEAR TERM	PAULA KEEFE	2002
ASSISTANT ASSESSOR	MARK MAZUR	2001
BOARD OF ASSESSORS APPOINTED		
1 YEAR TERM		
BOARD OF HEALTH	HOWARD KESSELMAN	2002
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	SUSAN OSGOOD PECK	2001
3 YEAR TERM	JONATHAN GOLDBERG	2002
	ANDREW M. STEAD	2003
	ELIZABETH D. BARNETT	2001
BURIAL AGENT	MARLENE B. CHUSED	
BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTED		
CABLE TV OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	ANDY FRANSMAN	2003
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	MICHAEL A. BALER	2002
	CHARLES I. LEVINE - CHAIR	2002



CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE	GREGORY MEISTER	2001
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	DAVE MASCIARELLI	2002
3 YEAR TERM		
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE		
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	BENJAMIN E. PURITZ	
1 MEMBER SELECTMEN	WALTER B. ROACH, JR. ALLEN M. GARF	
TREASURER	ROBERT J. UYTTEBROEK	
SELECTMEN APPT. CHMN	BARRY GORDON	
SCHOOL COMM. APPT. 2	SAMSON LIAO LINDA LURIE	
PLANNING BD. APPT. 2	PAUL LINEHAN SAMUEL SOLOMON	
FINANCE COMM.APPT. 2	PAUL PIETAL MARC BLUESTEIN	
CIVIL DEFENSE	BERNARD ROSENBERG - DIRECTOR	
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	MICHAEL CORMAN - DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
	MICHAEL POLIMER - DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY		
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	SHIRLEY BROWNSTEIN	2002
3 YEAR TERM	DAVID I. CLIFTON	2003
	RENEE GORDON	2003
	CHICKEE MONAHAN	2001
	DONNA RING	2002
	SIDNEY ROSENTHAL - CHAIR	2002
	ROBERT SONDHEIM	2003
	FLORENCE S. FINKEL	2002
	LESLIE S. KRIGER	2003
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	MARGARET ARGUIMBAU	2002
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	JANET M. DUNLAP	2002
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	ROSE M. PERRIZIO	2002
DIANE MALCOLMSON - SEC	MICHAEL L. COOK	2003
GREG MEISTER - OFFICER	HANFORD G. LANGSTROTH	2001
	PETER HOLDEN	2003
CONSTABLES	JOSEPH S. BERNSTEIN	2002
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	ROBERT MCGRATH	2002
3 YEAR TERM	DANIEL SIRKIN	2002
	NEIL J. MCGRATH	2001
	LEONARD E. SEGAL	2002
COUNCIL FOR THE AGING	ELLIOT FELDMAN	2003
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	ROBERT B. MAIDMAN	2003
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	HYMAN LAMB	2001
	REUBEN A. HERMAN	2003
	ELLEN BENDER	2003
	LILLIAN SAVAGE	2002
	ARNOLD KUBLIN - CHAIR	2001
	SHEILA PALLAY	2001
	MARILYN J. STEWART	2002
COUNCIL FOR THE AGING DIRECTOR	NORMA FITZGERALD	

DEPUTY COLLECTOR APPOINTED BY COLLECTOR	PETER RYAN	2001
DESIGNER SELECTION REVIEW SELECTMEN APPOINTED	BENJAMIN PURITZ JOHN SULIK	ELLIOT J. SHRANK
DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION SELECTMEN APPOINTED MEETINGS - 4TH TUESDAY 5 YEAR TERM	LEONARD SEGAL	2003
ENGINEER SELECTMEN APPOINTED	ERIC HOOPER	
FENCE VIEWER SELECTMEN APPOINTED	EDWARD WELCH	2001
FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS CAROL GARZA-SECRETARY	LEE BARRON WERNICK PAUL BERGERON PAUL E. BOUTON DAVID FIXLER MARC BLUESTEIN DAVID GRASFIELD TOM GILLEN - CHAIR WILLIAM A. HEITIN HOLLY LITE PAUL PIETAL DANIEL SIRKIN COLLEEN TUCK	2002 2001 2003 2002 2003 2002 2003 2001 2001 2002 2003 2001
FINANCE COMMITTEE NOMINATING MODERATOR APPOINTED 1 YEAR TERM	MARC S. BLUESTEIN EUGENE R. ELLIS, II GARY BUCHWALD HOLLY LITE ROBIN KATZ SUSSMAN	2001 2001 2001 2001 2001
FIRE CHIEF SELECTMEN APPOINTED	DENNIS MANN	
GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE 3 YEAR TERMS MODERATOR APPT 1 - 1 YR SCHOOL COMM APPT 1 - 2 YRS PERSONNEL BRD APPT 1 - 3 YRS SELECTMEN APPT 2 - 3 YRS FINANCE COMM APPT 2 - 2 YRS PLANNING BOARD APPT 1	EDWARD F. CONNELLY ROBERT BERISH ARNOLD KUBLIN ANNE CARNEY LEE BARRON WERNICK ROBERT CARVER MICHAEL COPE	

HEALTH AGENT BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTED	JACK LAPUCK	
HEALTH AGENT FOR ADMINISTRATION	LINDA ROSEN	
HEALTH AGENT FOR ENGINEERING	JAMES ANDREWS	
HISTORICAL COMMISSION & HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION SELECTMEN APPOINTED	MELVIN LEVENTHAL SHIRLEY SCHOFIELD CLISTA M. DOW HERBERT GAGNON DAVID G. NELSON ELIZABETH VAN METER - ALTERNATE	2003 2003 2002 2003 2002 2002
HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL ELECTION 5 YEAR TERM	ARNOLD M. KUBLIN JOHN CONNORS - CHAIR IRENE SCOTT D. LURAY WALLACE DEBORAH K. MARKSON-GOV.APPT.	2001 2003 2002 2005
HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE SELECTMEN APPOINTED	JANE DESBERG RICHARD MARTIN	2001 2001
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY SELECTMEN APPOINTED 5 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	HOWARD SMOKLER HARRY ZELCHER	2001 2001
INSPECTORS- SELECTMEN APPOINTED OF ANIMALS OF BUILDINGS OF PLUMBING & GAS OF WIRING	EDWIN S. LITTLE JOSEPH X. KENT EDWARD FORSBERG JAMES B. DELANEY	
INTERMEDIATE & WILBER SCHOOL REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE	MITCHELL BLAUSTEIN DAVID CROCKER JR. HAROLD FIENBERG ROBIN GOODBAND ROBERT POWERS	JAMES D.KENDALL KAREN LAMKIN COLLEEN TUCK- CHAIR
LAKE MANAGEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE - 5 YEAR TERM SELECTMEN - APPT 2 CONSERVATION CO - APPT 2 PLANNING BOARD - APPT 2	DAVID DEITZ MICHAEL BAGLINO CLIFFORD TOWNER-CHAIR, AMANDA SLOAN RICHARD KRAMER WALTER NEWMAN	2003 2003
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	KIP ROBERSON	



LIBRARY TRUSTEES	SANDRA HIRSH GOVERMAN	2002
ANNUAL ELECTION	ABIGAIL MARSTERS	2002
3 YEAR TERM	ROBERT A. LEVIN	2003
	KATHLEEN MAHONEY HAWES	2001
	PAT OLKEN	2001
	ALEXANDER BUCHANNAN LEACH III	2003
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNER	PAUL ARES	JOSEPH BERNSTEIN
COMMISSION	STUART GREEN	BARRY JORDAN
	WALTER JOHNSON	HENRY KATZ
	GREGG O'RYAN	DENNIS MANN
	BERNARD ROSENBERG	JOHN SULIK
LONG-RANGE PLANNING	PHILIP KOPEL	
TASK FORCE	GEORGE BAILEY	
	MARK RICKETSON	
	PAT ZLOTIN	
	RAYMOND KUBIAK	
MAPC REPRESENTATIVE	GEORGE BAILEY	
METROPOLITAN AREA		
PLANNING COUNCIL		
MEASURERS - 1 YEAR TERM		
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
OF LUMBER	JOSEPH PETROSKY	2001
OF WOOD & BARK	CHARLES GARNHUM	2001
	ROBERT MORSE	2001
MODERATOR	GEORGE E. DONOVAN	2002
ANNUAL ELECTION		
3 YEAR TERM		
NORFOLK COUNTY ADVISORY	EDWIN S. LITTLE	
BOARD		
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
PARKING OFFICER	ROBERT UYTTEBROEK	
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
PERSONNEL BOARD		
MODERATOR APPOINTED	MICHAEL H. GROVE	2001
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	ADAM LEAVITT	2003
SEC/FRAN BARTH	ROBERT OEHRLEIN	2001
	LEONARD F. ZANDROW	2001
	DENNIS S. FRIEDMAN	2002
PLANNING BOARD	ARNOLD E. COHEN	2003
ANNUAL ELECTION	JOEL TRAN	2004
MEETINGS/TUESDAYS 7:30	PHILLIP S. CHAPMAN	2002
SEC/BIRUTE ZIAUGRA	SAMUEL B. SOLOMON	2005
5 YEAR TERM	ROGER STEIN	2001
POLICE CHIEF	JOSEPH S. BERNSTEIN	

PRIORITIES COMMITTEE		
2 SELECTMEN	WALTER J. ROACH	NORMAN KATZ
2 SCHOOL COMM MEMBERS	ROBERT BERISH	BARBARA ZAMCHECK
2 FINANCE COMM MEMBERS	HOLLY LITE	PAUL BOUTON
PUBLIC WORKS		
SUPERINTENDENT	JOHN SULIK	
RECREATION COMMITTEE	MICHAEL GINSBERG	2001
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	LARRY FINKELMAN	2001
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	MARJORIE FRYE	2001
MEETINGS-FIRST MONDAY	LOUIS KAFKA	2001
	BENJAMIN PURITZ	2001
	PATRICK TERRY	2003
	GARY BLUESTEIN	2001
	CORRINE HERSHMAN	2001
	STEPHEN LESCO	2003
RECREATION DIRECTOR	DAVID I. CLIFTON	
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	JOHN T. CONNORS - ASSISTANT	
RECYCLING ADVISORY COMM	GEORGE ARONSON	
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS	MARLENE B. CHUSED	2002
3 YEAR TERM	EARL GASHIN	2003
	C.A. JIMMY JEMMOTT	2001
	MARY E. LINDBERG	2002
SACRED HEART CONVERSION	MICHAEL BASKIN	HOWARD V. LEVINE
	DAVID A. FORGIEL	FRANK NAGLE
	RICHARD KRAMER	ELI SILBERZWEIG
SANITARIAN	JACK LAPUCK	
BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTED		
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	ROBERT BERISH - CHAIR	2001
ANNUAL ELECTION	MITCHELL BLAUSTEIN	2003
	JANE A. FURR	2003
	LINDA R. LURIE	2002
	SAMSON S. LIAO	2002
	BARBARA J. ZAMCHECK	2001
SEALER OF WEIGHTS		
& MEASURES - 1 YR TERM	CHARLIE HEALY	2001
SELECTION TOWN STANDING		
BUILDING COMMITTEE		
SHARON SCHOOL COMMITTEE-1	ROBERT BERISH	
BOARD OF SELECTMEN-1	JANIS EDINBURGH	
PLANNING BOARD-1	ROGER STEIN	
CAPITAL OUTLAY-1	BARRY GORDON	
FINANCE COMMITTEE-1	COLLEEN TUCK	
MODERATOR APPOINTED-1	JOHN F. CARLEY	

SELECTMEN - 3 YR TERM	NORMAN KATZ - CHAIR	2001
ANNUAL ELECTION	WALTER B. ROACH	2002
MEETINGS/THURSDAYS 7:30	ALLEN M. GARF	2003
SHARON HIGH SCHOOL	PAUL BERGERON	ROGER STEIN
EXPANSION COMMITTEE	PHILLIP S. CHAPMAN	FRANK VANZLER
	PETER EVANS	EDWARD WELCH
	PAUL JAMES	LINDA LURIE
	SAMSON S. LIAO	
SIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE	KENNETH SAWYER	2002
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	DIANE CURTIS	2002
3 YR TERM	STEPHEN SHAMBAN	2003
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL	MINDY MARCIA KEMPNER	
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL		
SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE		
ANNUAL ELECTION/3YR TERM		
STANDING BUILDING COMMITTEE		
APPOINTED BY SELECTION	H. STEVEN KENNEDY	2003
TOWN STANDING BUILDING	FREDERICK CLAY	2002
COMMITTEE	RICHARD GOLDSTEIN	2002
	DAVID BELTON	2003
	WILLIAM CROTEAU	2003
	BARRY FISCHER	2001
	BARRY SUSSMAN	2001
	JOEL WOLK	2001
	TIMOTHY QUIRK	2002
SURVEYOR OF LUMBER	JOSEPH PETROSKY	
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	BENJAMIN E. PURITZ	
TOWN CLERK	MARLENE B. CHUSED	2002
ANNUAL ELECTION	BETH A. KOURAFAS - ASSISTANT	2002
3 YEAR TERM		
TOWN COUNSEL	RICHARD GELEMAN	2001
TOWNWIDE COMPREHENSIVE	MICHAEL A. BASKIN	
FACILITIES PLANNING	ANN V. BEACH	
COMMITTEE	PHILIP KOPEL	
	SAUL NAMYET	
	STANLEY ROSEN	
	PATRICIA ZLOTIN	
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY		
BOARD	CYNTHIA BARMASH	2003
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	SALVATORE BRUSCO	2003
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	ALLISON C. SIMMONS	2003
	ARTHUR STEIN	2003
	PAUL VITALI	2001



TREASURER-COLLECTOR	ROBERT J. UYTTEBROEK	2001
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
ASSISTANT TREASURER	JUDITH K. DOO	2001
ASSISTANT COLLECTOR	ELIZABETH SIEMIATKASKA	2001
TREE WARDEN	KEVIN WEBER	
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
TRUSTEES SHARON FRIENDS	ELEANOR HERBERGER	MORTON KAUFMAN
SCHOOL FUND	CORRINE HERSHMAN	ROBERT UYTTEBROEK
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING		
DORCHESTER & SURPLUS	ROBERT UYTTEBROEK	
REVENUE FUND		
EDMUND TALBOT FUND	ALBERT BLACKLER	ELEANOR HERBURGER
	ROBERT CURRIE	
VETERANS' AGENT,	PAUL BERGERON	2001
GRAVES OFFICER &		
BURIAL AGENT		
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
VETERANS' ADVISORY	PAUL BERGERON - DIRECTOR	
COMMITTEE	ALBERT BLACKLER	REV ROBERT BULLOCK
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	HARVEY FORMAN	PAUL KAPLAN
	EDWARD J. ROACH	
WATER MANAGEMENT	FREDERICK CLAY	
ADVISORY COMMITTEE	RORY MC GREGOR	
	HERB GOULD	
	ROGER THIBAUT	
	KENNETH OLKEN	
	DAVID MARK, P.E.	
WILBER SCHOOL REUSE	DAVID DEPREE	
COMMITTEE	MELVIN LEVENTHAL	
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	SHIRLEY SCHOFIELD	
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